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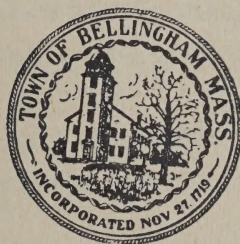
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HELENA HILTZ

CONSTABLES

ADAM J. KOZIMOR
LEOPOLD CAYA

HAROLD E. COOK
JOHN HOOTHAY

MODERATOR

WILLIAM W. FAIRBANKS

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1946

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

FRANCIS G. LOCKLIN

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

PAUL ROBIDOUX

CHIEF OF POLICE

EUCLIDE A. FLEUETTE

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

WASYL KORNICKI

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

WASYL KORNICKI

AGENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

LEO A. STEARNS

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

ADRIEN TRUDEAU

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND MILK

JEAN-BAPTISTE MANDEVILLE

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

OVILA MAJEAU

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

SYLVIO DALPE

DOG OFFICER

EUCLIDE A. FLEUETTE

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AGENT

FRANCIS G. LOCKLIN

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

MICHAEL F. RYAN HARLAND E. COOK ERNEST DUBOIS

SEXTONS

JAMES YATES WILLIAM WALES ARTHUR BROWN

MUNICIPAL FIELD COMMITTEE

HENRY GUERIN LEO CARTIER HAROLD GRANGER

DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

LIONEL R. TUDEAU

SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS

OTTO J. MEOTTI

TOWN COUNSEL

LEO A. GOSSELIN

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

JOHN BOYLE MICHAEL SMITH LEVI SMITH
JAMES WRENN STEPHEN NADOLNY HECTOR BEAUREGARD
STEPHEN PETROSKY, JR.

VETERANS' ADVISORY BOARD

JOHN BOYLE REV. CLARENCE R. BOUCHER PERCY L. ROWE
ALFRED STAVES, WALTER D. RICHARD LEVI SMITH
WALTER W. LEBLANC MICHAEL SMITH
STEPHEN NADOLNY

FENCE VIEWERS

CLARENCE W. HOYT ELLSWORTH R. CROOKS
FRANCIS P. DIGGINS

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

ELLSWORTH R. CROOKS SYLVIO DALPE HAROLD E. COOK

**AGENT FOR BURIAL OF INDIGENT SOLDIERS AND SAILORS,
AND AGENT FOR CARE OF GRAVES OF INDIGENT
SOLDIERS AND SAILORS**

LIONEL R. TRUDEAU

JANITOR, TOWN HALL

HARTWELL ESTY

JANITOR, SOUTH BELLINGHAM COMMUNITY BUILDING

LEO BOISVERT

JANITOR, NORTH BELLINGHAM COMMUNITY BUILDING

GEORGE BERARDI

POLICE OFFICERS

FRED WHALEN	LEO GODIN	STANLEY KOLOSKI
FRANK E. ARNOLD	CHARLES OLBRYNS	ADRIEN TRUDEAU
CLIFFORD MOWRY	ADAM KOZIMOR	JOHN J. CLANCY
LEOPOLD CAYA	ZEPHIRIN REMILLARD	OMER HARPIN, JR.
HAROLD E. COOK	RAYNALD LAMARQUE	FRANK FAGAN
NORBERT GRENIER	JOHN FROMENT	ABBAY FAGAN
ROGER RUE	JULIEN GINGRAS	JOSEPH SPAS
GABRIEL BERNIER	WILROSE DALPE	JOSEPH BOZEK
ARTHUR FORGET	ANTONIO GODIN	ALBERT LUSSIER
WILLIAM BARRY	JOHN J. CALLAHAN	ARMAND LAPRADE
MARTIN GLOCKNER	JOSEPH KOZAK	CORNELIUS ALLEN

JURY LIST OF JULY 1946—JULY 1947

ALLAIN, JOSEPH ERIC, textile worker, Central Blvd.
 BARRY, WILLIAM, textile worker, Suffolk St.
 BELANGER, ARTHUR, knitter, Paine St.
 BERARDI, GIORGIO, textile worker, Hartford Ave.
 BERARDI, RAYMOND, textile worker, Governor Ave.
 BOKOSKI, WILLIAM, machinist, South Main St.
 BOUVIER, CONRAD, barber, Pulaski Blvd.
 BOITEAU, ROBERT A., farmer, South Main St.
 DORE, JOHN, textile worker, Hartford Ave.
 FORGET, HENRI, painter, Pulaski Blvd.
 GENTES, ELZEAR, photographer, Westminster Ave.
 GARNEAU, Leo, student, Irving St.
 KWIATKOWSKI, PETER, textile worker, Suffolk St.
 KOZAK, JOSEPH, textile worker, Maple St.
 CALLAHAN, JOHN, textile worker, Maple St.
 LAMARQUE, RAYNALD, textile worker, Essex St.
 LEWINSKI, WALTER P., textile worker, Maple St.
 LEVITRE, LEO, insurance agent, Wrentham St.
 LUSSIER, Omer, manager, South Main St.
 OLBRY, CHARLES, textile worker, Maple St.
 PELLAND, ROLAND, textile worker, Suffolk St.
 MAHON, THOMAS, textile worker, Pearl St.
 PLEAU, EUGENE, textile worker, Plain St.
 FROMENT, JOHN, textile worker, South Main St.
 SPAS, JOSEPH, operator, Prospect St.
 TAYLOR, JOSEPH, superintendent, Stenson St.
 TRUDEAU, OSCAR, textile worker, Suffolk St.
 VILLANI, LOUIS, textile worker, Chestnut St.
 WADE, EDGAR, farmer, South Main St.
 NAUGHTON, WILLIAM, railroad worker, Hartford Ave.
 CARRIER, ROMEO, highway employee, Pulaski Blvd.
 BRUNELLE, WILLIAM, textile worker, Maple St.
 ST. GERMAIN, CLARENCE, salesman, South Main St.

REPORT

of the

TOWN CLERK

including

RECORDS OF TOWN MEETINGS

ELECTIONS

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

and other

TOWN RECORDS

of the

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

December 31, 1946

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham: Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in Precinct No. 1, at the Schoolhouse in Precinct No. 2, and at the Community Building in Precinct No. 3, on

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1946

for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes upon one ballot to the Election Officers for the following Town Officers:

TOWN CLERK, for a term of one year.

TOWN TREASURER, for a term of one year.

THREE SELECTMEN, for a term of one year.

ASSESSOR OF TAXES, for a term of three years.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES, for a term of one year.

WATER COMMISSIONER, for a term of three years.

MODERATOR, for a term of one year.

TWO SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS, for a term of three years.

ONE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER, for a term of one year, (to fill unexpired term)

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE MEMBER, for a term of three years.

TREE WARDEN, for a term of one year.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEMBER, for a term of three years.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEMBER, for a term of two years (to fill unexpired term).

TWO LIBRARY TRUSTEES, for a term of three years.

FOUR CONSTABLES, for a term of one year.

POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT 12:00 NOON and CLOSE AT 8:00 P. M.

SUBSEQUENT MEETING

And also to meet in the Town Hall in said Bellingham on

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 1946

at 8:00 P. M., then and there to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To vote and raise appropriations for the following purposes, or act or do anything in relation thereto:

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| Item 1. Moderator's Salary | Item 22. Highways, Chapter 81 |
| Item 2. Finance Committee | Item 23. Highways, Chapter 90 |
| Item 3. Selectmen's Department | Item 24. Highways Special |
| Item 4. Accountant's Department | Item 25. Bridges and Railings |
| Item 5. Treasurer's Department | Item 26. Snow Removal |
| Item 6. Tax Collector's Department | Item 27. Signs and Guideboards |
| Item 7. Assessors' Department | Item 28. Street Lighting |
| Item 8. Certifying Notes | Item 29. Machinery Account |
| Item 9. Town Clerk's Department | Item 30. Public Welfare |
| Item 10. Elections and Registration | Item 31. Old Age Assistance |
| Item 11. Town Hall | Item 32. Aid to Dependent Children |
| Item 12. North Bellingham Community Building | Item 33. Veterans' Services |
| Item 13. South Bellingham Community Building | Item 34. Memorial-Armistice Day |
| Item 14. Police Department | Item 35. School Department |
| Item 15. Fire Department | Item 36. Library Department |
| Item 16. Forest Fires | Item 37. Law Department |
| Item 17. Sealer of Weights and Measures | Item 38. Water Department |
| Item 18. Tree Warden | Item 39. Cemeteries |
| Item 19. Moth Extermination | Item 40. Town Reports |
| Item 20. Health Department | Item 41. Damages to Property—Injuries to Persons |
| Item 21. Norfolk County Hospital | Item 42. Vocational Training |
| | Item 43. Maturing Debt |
| | Item 44. Interest |
| | Item 45. Reserve Fund |
| | Item 46. Municipal Athletic Field |

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay bills incurred in prior years and unpaid; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for a "Welcome Home" celebration for World War II veterans; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1000 for the purpose of further improving Winter Street, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums of money for the improvement of the following streets: Irving Street, Elbow Street, Central Boulevard, and Trenton Street; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3000.00 for the elimination of the so called Scott's Curve on South Main Street, said sum to be used in conjunction with a contribution of \$5000.00 from the State, and \$2000.00 from the County of Norfolk; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for School Athletics; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing required fire safety devices in the schools; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will authorize and direct the Tax Assessors to publish the 1946 valuation book for public distribution; and to raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of extending and laying water mains of not less than six inches in diameter, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow said sum and to issue notes of the town therefor, in accordance with clause 5 of section 8 of chapter 44, General Laws; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1947, and to issue note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to sell land acquired by the Town through foreclosure of tax titles or through deeds of land of law value; and to prescribe ways and methods of disposing of said land; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of said warrant at all places designated by a vote of said town, at least seven days before the date of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make a due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the clerk of said town, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham this fourth day of February, 1946.

WALTER P. LEWINSKI
WALTER W. LEBLANC
LEO A. GOSSELIN
Selectmen of Bellingham.

TOWN ELECTION

March 4, 1946

Precincts	1	2	3	Totals
Town Clerk				
*Leo A. Gosselin	131	102	505	738
Arthur Martel	166	171	364	701
Blanks	22	21	26	69
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Totals	319	294	895	1508

Town Treasurer

*Donat Laplante	124	97	533	754
Joseph I. Taylor	171	157	326	654
Blanks	24	40	36	100
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Totals	319	294	895	1508

Selectmen (3)

Herbert H. Ambler	97	54	103	254
Henry Forget	130	137	396	663
*Leo A. Gosselin	112	81	503	696
A. Timothy Harper	114	61	363	538
*Walter P. Lewinski	92	108	477	677
John A. Lubash	16	3	52	71
George L. Tebeau, Jr.	120	183	283	586
*Edgar Wade	216	196	355	767
Blanks	60	59	153	272
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Totals	957	882	2685	4524

Tax Assessor

Warren D. Bates	172	183	343	698
*Ellsworth R. Crooks	140	79	506	725
Blanks	7	32	46	85
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Totals	319	294	895	1508

Tax Collector

*Alice V. Bourre	144	109	556	809
Norbert Martel	158	144	307	609
Blanks	17	41	32	90
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Totals	319	294	895	1508

Water Commissioner

John J. Callahan	106	79	446	631
*Timothy A. Riordan	187	208	359	754
Blanks	26	7	90	123
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Totals	319	294	895	1508

Moderator

*William W. Fairbanks	223	241	459	923
Alfred E. Staves	81	43	379	503
Blanks	15	10	57	82
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Totals	319	294	895	1508

Board of Public Welfare

*Raymond Mowry	195	183	374	752
Roger Rue	103	73	470	646
Blanks	21	38	51	110
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Totals	319	294	895	1508

School Committee (2) (3 yrs.)

Wilfred Arcand	137	154	342	633
Stephen Petrosky, Jr.	124	88	418	630
*Lionel R. Trudeau	120	95	503	718
*David L. Tuttle	190	174	378	742
Blanks	67	77	149	293
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Totals	638	588	1790	3016

School Committee (1 yr.)

Letitia Knott	185	171	285	641
*Bertrand Remillard	114	80	557	751
Blanks	20	43	53	116
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Totals	319	294	895	1508

Tree Warden

Rene Couture	157	219	280	656
*Sylvio Dalpe	132	45	548	725
Blanks	30	30	67	127
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Totals	319	294	895	1508

Cemetery Committee (3 yrs.)

A. Leroy Moore	174	142	329	645
*James A. Yates	132	101	468	701
Blanks	13	51	98	162
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Totals	319	294	895	1508

Cemetery Committee (2 yrs.)

*Arthur E. Brown	206	211	347	764
William J. Brunelle	79	58	430	567
Blanks	34	25	118	177
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Totals	319	294	895	1508

Library Trustees (2)

*Mary E. Cook	250	181	713	1144
*Bella Leblanc	145	183	389	717
Katherine B. Whalen	131	111	378	620
Blanks	112	113	310	535
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Totals	638	588	1790	3016

Constables (4)

Stanley A. Bladiga	157	205	286	648
*Leopold Caya	100	53	538	691
*Harold E. Cook	153	71	508	732
Chester A. Gaskill	207	180	288	675
*John J. Hoothay	172	161	376	709
Joseph Kozak	88	114	320	522
*Adam Kozimor	105	72	555	732

Henry Levesque	130	109	388	627
Blanks	164	211	321	696
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Totals	1276	1176	3580	6032

*Elected.

TOTAL VOTE:

Precinct No. 1: 319

Precinct No. 2: 294

Precinct No. 3: 895

1508

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 8, 1946

In accordance with the foregoing warrant given under the hands of the Selectmen on February 4, 1946, the inhabitants of Bellingham qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall in said Bellingham on Friday, at 8:00 P. M., (March 8, 1946), and proceeded to act on the articles of the warrant as follows:

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P. M., by Moderator William W. Fairbanks, followed by the reading of the warrant by Town Clerk Leo A. Gosselin.

On motion of Andor deJony, duly seconded, to dissolve the warrant, motion did not carry.

ARTICLE 1.

Item 1. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, and amended by Andor deJony, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40.00 for the Moderator, his salary to be as follows: \$20.00 for the Annual Town Meeting, and \$5.00 for each Special Town Meeting.

Item 2. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, and amended by David L. Tuttle, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10.00 for the Finance Committee; said Finance Committee to be appointed by the Moderator and to consist of nine members, each voting precinct to have equal representation; said Finance Committee to consider all articles printed in town warrants, and to bring in their recommendations at all town meetings.

Item 3. On motion of Lionel R. Trudeau, as amended by Louis Picard, and duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for the Selectmen's Department; the salaries of the members to be as follows: \$150.00 for the Chairman; \$200.00 for the Clerk; and \$100.00 for the other member.

Item 4. On motion of Walter P. Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the Accountant's Department.

Item 5. On motion of Donat Laplante, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1200.00 for the Treasurer's Department; the salary of the Treasurer to be \$750.00 per year.

Item 6. On motion of Andor deJony, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1750.00 for the Tax Collector's Department; the salary of the Tax Collector to be \$1000.00 per year.

Item 7. On motion of Ellsworth R. Crooks, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2365.00 for the Assessors' Department; said sum to cover the following items: \$1440.00 for salaries of Assessors; \$225.00 for clerical hire; \$150.00 for auto hire; \$250.00 for Abstracts; \$50.00 for attending meetings; and \$250.00 for office supplies and telephone.

Item 8. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20.00 for certifying notes.

Item 9. On motion of Lionel R. Trudeau, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750.00 for the Town Clerk's Department; the salary of the Town Clerk to be \$500.00 per year.

Item 10. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900.00 for Elections and Registration.

Item 11. On motion of Walter P. Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2500.00 for the Town Hall.

Item 12. On motion of Walter P. Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 for the North Bellingham Community Building.

Item 13. On motion of Walter P. Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 for the South Bellingham Community Building.

Item 14. On motion of John J. Hoothay, as amended by Euclide A. Fleurette, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4700.00 for the Police Department; the salary of the Chief of Police to be \$45 per week.

Item 15. On motion of Walter P. Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2500.00 for the Fire Department; the salary of the Chief of the Fire Department to be \$100.00 per year.

Item 16. On motion of Walter P. Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.000 for Forest Fires; the salary of the Forest Warden to be \$300.00 per year.

Item 17. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Item 18. On motion of Leo Levitre, amended by Sylvio Dalpe, and duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$664.00 for the Tree Warden; the salary of the Tree Warden to be \$300.00 per year.

Item 19. On motion of Walter P. Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for Moth Extermination.

Item 20. On motion of Walter P. Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1300.00 for Health; the salary of the Chairman of the Board of Health to be \$25.00 per year, and the salary of the other two members to be \$15.00 each.

Item 21. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$628.25 for Norfolk County Hospital.

Item 22. On motion of Leo Levitre, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6125.00 for Highways; said sum to be used in conjunction with State funds under Chapter 81.

Item 23. On motion of Leo Levitre, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Highways, said sum to be used in conjunction with State and County funds under Chapter 90.

Item 24. On motion of Paul Robitoux, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500.00 for Highways, General.

Item 25. On motion of Paul Robidoux, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500.00 for Bridges and Railings.

Item 26. On motion of Paul Robidoux, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7000.00 for Snow Removal.

Item 27. On motion of Paul Robidoux, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for Signs and Guideboards.

Item 28. On motion of Walter P. Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3600.00 for Street Lighting.

Item 29. On motion of Paul Robidoux, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 for Machinery Account.

Item 30. On motion of Leo A. Stearns, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12000.00 for Public Welfare; the salary of the Chairman of the Welfare Board to be \$75.00, and the salary of each of the other two members to be \$50.00.

Item 31. On motion of Leo A. Stearns, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,000.00 for Old Age Assistance.

Item 32. On motion of Leo A. Stearns, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2500.00 for Aid to Dependent Children.

Item 33. On motion of Lionel R. Trudeau, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5000.00 for Veterans' Services.

Item 34. On motion of John Boyle, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for Memorial and Armistice Days.

Item 35. On motion of Lionel R. Trudeau, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$61,000.00 for the School Department.

Item 36. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for the Library Department; said sum to be raised as follows: \$200.00 by taxation, and \$600.00 by transfer from the Dog License Account.

Item 37. On motion of Lionel R. Trudeau, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for the Law Depart-

ment; and the Selectmen hereby are authorized to appoint one of their own members as Town Counsel at a salary of \$400.00 per year.

Item 38. On motion of William F. Gaudette, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6500.00 for the Water Department; and the Water Commissioners hereby are authorized to appoint one of their own members as Collector at a salary of \$250.00 per year, and one of their own members as Clerk at a salary of \$250.00 per year; the salaries of the Water Commissioners to be as follows: \$40.00 for the Chairman, and \$35.00 for each of the other two members.

Item 39. On motion of James A. Yates, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for Cemeteries, to be allocated as follows: Center Cemetery, \$400.00; North Cemetery, \$200.00; and South Cemetery, \$100.00.

Item 40. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for Printing and Distributing the Town Reports.

Item 41. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1300.00 for Damages to Property and Injuries to Persons.

Item 42. On motion of Lionel R. Trudeau, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Vocational Training.

Item 43. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000.00 for Maturing Dept.

Item 44. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7000.00 for Interest.

Item 45. On motion of Walter P. Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to pass over this article.

Item 46. On motion of Lionel R. Trudeau, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the Municipal Athletic Field.

ARTICLE 2. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3000.00 to pay bills incurred in prior years and unpaid; the record vote on said article being as follows: 210 votes cast, with 178 voting yes, and 32 voting no.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Brendon Dore, duly seconded, it was voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Anatole Debigare, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 for improving Winter Street.

ARTICLE 5. On motion of Paul Robidoux, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1200.00 for improving Elbow Street, Irving Street, Trenton Street, and Central Boulevard.

ARTICLE 6. On motion of Walter P. Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3000.00 for the elimination of the so-called Scott's Curve on South Main Street; said sum to be used in conjunction with a contribution of \$5000.00 from the State, and \$2000.00 from the County of Norfolk.

ARTICLE 7. On motion of Lionel R. Trudeau, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for School Athletics.

ARTICLE 8. On motion of Lionel R. Trudeau, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 for the purpose of installing firefighting equipment and devices in the schools.

ARTICLE 9. On motion of Ellsworth R. Crooks, duly seconded, it was voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 10. On motion of Leo A. Gosselin, duly seconded, that the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of extending and laying water mains of not less than six inches in diameter, and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow the said sum of \$20,000.00, and to issue notes or bonds therefor, payable in not more than 20 years, in accordance with clause 5 of section 8 of chapter 44, General Laws, motion did not carry, the vote being as follows: vote cast: 190, with 125 voting yes, and 65 voting no; two-thirds vote being required, viz. 126.

On motion of Anatole Debigare, duly seconded, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of laying and extending water mains on Wrentham Street and Locust Street; said sum of \$20,000 to be raised as follows: \$10,000 by taxation, and \$10,000 by transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account, when funds in said account become available.

ARTICLE 11. On motion of Donat Laplante, duly seconded, it unanimously was voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1947, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

ARTICLE 12. On motion of Leo A. Gosselin, duly seconded, it was voted to pass over this article.

On motion of Paul Robidoux, duly seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant at 1:15 A. M.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

July 8, 1946

In accordance with a warrant given under the hands of the Selectmen on June 24, 1946, the inhabitants of Bellingham qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall in said Bellingham on Monday, July 8, 1946, at 8:00 P. M., and proceeded to act on the articles of the warrant as follows:

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 P. M. by Moderator William W. Fairbanks, followed by the reading of the warrant by Town Clerk Leo A. Gosselin.

ARTICLE 1. On motion of David L. Tuttle, duly seconded, it was voted to authorize and direct the Tax Assessors to publish the 1946 valuation book for public distribution; and to appropriate the sum of \$450.00 for said printing and distribution, said sum of \$450.00 to be raised by transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

ARTICLE 2. On motion of Paul Robidoux, duly seconded, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 for improvement of Stockholm Street, Pleasant Street, and Park Street; said sum of \$2000.00 to be raised by transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of David L. Tuttle, duly seconded, it was voted to authorize and direct the Selectmen to install five street lights on Harpin Street.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Paul Robidoux, duly seconded, it was voted to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of three members to act with neighboring towns in petitioning the State to make a state highway out of Route 126.

ARTICLE 5. On motion of Joseph Taylor, duly seconded, it was voted to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of three members to draw up a set of by-laws.

ARTICLE 6. On motion of Warren E. Whiting, duly seconded, it was voted to pass over the item designated as Water Department.

On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 for Forest Fires; said sum to be raised by transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

On motion of Lionel R. Trudeau, duly seconded, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$950.00 for Veterans' Services; said sum to be raised by transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

On motion of Walter P. Lewinski, as amended by Leo Levitre, and duly seconded, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$3000.00 for the North Bellingham Community Building; said sum to be raised by transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account; and to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of three members from North Bellingham to consider the advisability of further improving the building.

On motion of Sylvio Dalpe, duly seconded, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for Tree Warden; said sum to be raised by transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

On motion of Paul Robidoux, and duly seconded, as amended by Andor deJony, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for Snow Removal to pay 1946 outstanding snow removal bills; said sum to be raised by transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

ARTICLE 7. On motion of Paul Robidoux, duly seconded, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$6000.00 for the Highway Machinery Account, said sum to be allocated as follows: \$4500.00 for the purchase of new highway trucks, and \$1500.00 for the operation of the Highway Department; said sum of \$6000.00 to be raised by transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

ARTICLE 8. On motion of Walter P. Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to appropriate the additional sum of \$210.00 for the **elimination of Scott's Curve, to be used in conjunction with the State and County funds; said sum to be raised by transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account.**

On motion of Paul Robidoux, duly seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant at 10:30 P. M.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 28, 1946

In accordance with a warrant given under the hands of the Selectmen on October 14, 1946, the inhabitants of Bellingham qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall in said Bellingham on Monday, October 28, 1946, at 8:00 P. M., and proceeded to act on the articles of the warrant as follows:

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P. M. by Moderator William W. Fairbanks, followed by the reading of the warrant by Town Clerk Leo A. Gosselin.

ARTICLE 1. On motion of Joseph I. Taylor, duly seconded, it was voted to accept the recommendations of the By-Law Committee appointed by the Town for the purpose of proposing By-Laws and Regulations, and to adopt such By-Laws and Regulations with respect thereto as may be contained in said recommendations, as presented in a signed copy made a part of the motion; the By-Laws being adopted Article by Article, as printed in said signed copy, with an amendment increasing from \$100 to \$300 the sum of a contract requiring competitive bids.

ARTICLE 2. On motion of Andor deJony, duly seconded, it was voted to lay this article on the table.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Donat Laplante, duly seconded, it was voted to lay this article on the table.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Rodolphe Beauregard, duly seconded, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$600 for the installation of water mains on Carrier Street, and the sum of \$500 for the installation of water mains on Mann Street; said sum of \$1100 to be raised by transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

ARTICLE 5. On motion of William F. Gaudette, duly seconded, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$2400 for the Water Department; said sum to be raised by transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

On motion of Andor deJony, duly seconded, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$150 for the Library Department; said sum to be raised by transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

On motion of Leo A. Stearns, duly seconded, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$3200 for Old Age Assistance; said sum to be raised by transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

On motion of Andor deJony, duly seconded, it was voted to pass over the item designated as Town Hall.

On motion of Timothy A. Riordan, duly seconded, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$1500 for the North Bellingham Community Building; said sum to be raised by transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

On motion of Andor deJony, duly seconded, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$500 for Snow Removal; said sum to be raised by transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

On motion of Walter P. Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$40.00 for the Armistice Day Committee; said sum to be raised by transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

ARTICLE 6. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$1200 for the Highway Machinery Account; said sum to be raised by transfer of \$1200 from the Highway Machinery Revenue Account.

ARTICLE 7. On motion of Anatole Debigare, duly seconded, it was voted to accept Central Avenue between Spring Street and Summer Street, as laid out on plan of Social Park, Section "B".

ARTICLE 8. On motion of Walter P. Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to direct and authorize the Selectmen to install street lights on Woodland Road and Prospect Street.

ARTICLE 9. On motion of Francis Gagnon, duly seconded, it was voted to accept Florida Street between Central Blvd. and Hunt Street, as laid out on plan of Central Manor.

On motion of Warren E. Whiting to adjourn, the motion did not carry.

On motion of John J. Clancy, duly seconded, it was voted to reconsider Article No. 1 of the Warrant.

On motion of Edwin F. Tuttle, duly seconded, it was voted that Article No. 1 of the Warrant be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Edwin F. Tuttle, duly seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant at 12:20 A. M.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

December 2, 1946

In accordance with a warrant given under the hands of the Selectmen on November 18, 1946, the inhabitants of Bellingham qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall in said Bellingham on Monday, December 2, 1946, at 8:15 P. M., and proceeded to act on the articles of the warrant as follows:

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P. M. by Moderator William W. Fairbanks, followed by the reading of the warrant by Town Clerk Leo A. Gosselin.

ARTICLE 1. On motion of Lionel R. Trudeau, duly seconded, it was voted to accept the By-Laws as recommended by the By-Laws Committee; with the record vote being as follows: Yes: 125; No: 0. (See Page for By-Laws.)

ARTICLE 2. On motion of Michael Purich, duly seconded, it was voted to appoint the present Finance Committee to investigate the Selectmen's Department and the Veterans' Administration Department.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$495.00 for Health, said sum to be raised by transfer from the Street Lighting appropriation; and to appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for the Fire Department, said sum to be raised by transfer from the Interest appropriation.

On motion of Francis G. Locklin, duly seconded, it was voted to pass over the item designated as Welfare.

On motion of Paul Robidoux, duly seconded, it was voted to dissolve the Warrant at 8:45 P. M.

STATE PRIMARIES

June 18, 1946

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

Precinct	1	2	3	Totals
Governor				
Maurice J. Tobin	4	15	44	63
Francis D. Harrigan	2	0	2	4
Blanks	0	0	0	0
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Totals	6	15	46	67

Lieutenant-Governor

John B. Carr	0	0	1	1
Paul A. Dever	1	13	43	57
Daniel J. O'Connell	0	0	0	0
Roger L. Putnam	5	1	2	8
Blanks	0	1	0	1
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Totals	6	15	46	67

Secretary

John J. Concannon	1	0	2	3
Benedict F. Fitzgerald	4	15	44	63

Leo Moran	0	0	0	0
Paul H. Snow	1	0	0	1
Blanks	0	0	0	0

Totals	6	15	46	67
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Treasurer

John E. Hurley	5	15	46	66
Thomas Khoury	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	0	0	1

Totals	6	15	46	67
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Auditor

Thomas J. Buckley	5	15	44	64
Blanks	1	0	2	3

Totals	6	15	46	67
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Attorney-General

Harry E. Casey	1	1	1	3
Michael F. Hourihan	0	0	1	1
Edward A. Hutchinson	0	0	1	1
Francis E. Kelly	4	2	1	7
Joseph M. McDonough	1	12	42	55
Blanks	0	0	0	0

Totals	6	15	46	67
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Senator in Congress

David I. Walsh	3	14	38	55
Blanks	3	1	8	12

Totals	6	15	46	67
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Congressman

Oscar Herbert Peterson	1	0	4	5
Martha Sharp	5	15	40	60
Blanks	0	0	2	2

Totals	6	15	46	67
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Councillor

Francis P. Bennett	4	1	2	7
Francis J. Callahan	0	2	0	2
Lawrence J. Lombard	1	11	40	52
Sylvester J. McGrail	0	0	2	2

Edward Thomas	1	0	0	1
Blanks	0	1	2	3
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Totals	6	15	46	67

Senator

George D. Cassidy	5	14	45	64
Blanks	1	1	1	3
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Totals	6	15	46	67

Representative

Daniel J. Avery	2	0	2	4
William J. Munroe	4	14	43	61
Blanks	0	1	1	2
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Totals	6	15	46	67

District Attorney

Alfred DeQuoy	5	12	46	63
Blanks	1	3	0	4
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Totals	6	15	46	67

**Clerk of Courts
Register of Deeds
County Commissioner**

Blanks	6	15	46	67
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Totals	6	15	46	67

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

Precinct	1	2	3	Totals
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Governor

Robert F. Bradford	10	4	7	21
Blanks	4	0	0	4
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Totals	14	4	7	25

Lieutenant-Governor

Albert Cole	4	3	1	8
Arthur W. Coolidge	8	1	6	15
Blanks	2	0	0	2
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Totals	14	4	7	25

Secretary

Frederick W. Cook	12	4	7	23
Blanks	2	0	0	2
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Totals	14	4	7	25

Auditor

Wallace E. Stearns	6	1	1	8
Russell A. Wood	6	3	6	15
Blanks	2	0	0	2
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Totals	14	4	7	25

Attorney-General

Clarence A. Barnes	12	4	7	23
Blanks	2	0	0	2
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Totals	14	4	7	25

Treasurer

Fred J. Burrell	4	1	0	5
Lawrence Curtis	8	3	7	18
Blanks	2	0	0	2
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Totals	14	4	7	25

Senator in Congress

Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.	12	4	7	23
Blanks	2	0	0	2
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Totals	14	4	7	25

Congressman

Joseph William Martin Jr.	12	4	7	23
Blanks	2	0	0	2
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Totals	14	4	7	25

Councillor

Perlie Dyar Chase	4	1	0	5
Edmund J. Cheney	2	0	0	2
Otis M. Whitney	7	3	7	17
Blanks	1	0	0	1
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Totals	14	4	7	25

Senator

Charles W. Olson	12	4	7	23
Blanks	2	0	0	2
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Totals	14	4	7	25

Representative

Frank D. McCarthy	12	4	7	23
Blanks	2	0	0	2
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Totals	14	4	7	25

District Attorney

Edmund R. Dewing	12	3	7	22
Blanks	2	1	0	3
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Totals	14	4	7	25

Clerk of Courts

Willard E. Everett	11	4	7	22
Blanks	3	0	0	3
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Totals	14	4	7	25

Register of Deeds

Donald P. Crane	6	2	3	11
L. Thomas Shine	4	2	4	10
Blanks	4	0	0	4
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Totals	14	4	7	25

STATE ELECTION**November 5, 1946**

Precinct	1	2	3	Totals
Governor				
Robert F. Bradford (R)	178	82	289	549
Maurice J. Tobin (D)	124	140	475	739
Horace I. Hillis (SL)	2	0	3	5
Guy S. Williams (P)	0	0	1	1
Blanks	9	3	16	28
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Totals	313	225	784	1322

Lieutenant-Governor

Arthur W. Coolidge (R)	178	80	297	555
Paul A. Dever (D)	122	141	458	721
Alfred Erickson (P)	1	0	2	3
Francis A. Votano (SL)	3	0	5	8
Blanks	9	4	22	35
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Totals	313	225	784	1322

Treasurer

Laurence Curtis (R)	187	78	307	572
John E. Hurley (D)	111	144	435	690
Lawrence Gilfedder (SL)	2	0	9	11
Charles E. Vaughan (P)	1	0	0	1
Blanks	12	3	33	48
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Totals	313	225	784	1322

Auditor

Thomas J. Buckley (D)	115	145	444	704
Russell A. Wood (R)	178	76	295	549
Pearl J. McGlynn (SL)	1	0	8	9
Robert A. Simmons (P)	3	0	1	4
Blanks	16	4	36	56
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Totals	313	225	784	1322

Attorney-General

Clarence A. Barnes (R)	190	82	308	580
Francis E. Kelly (D)	110	138	440	688
William F. Oro (SL)	2	0	9	11
Howard B. Rand (P)	10	5	27	42
Blanks	1	0	0	1
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Totals	313	225	784	1322

Senator in Congress

Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. (R)	194	87	328	609
David I. Walsh (D)	113	133	421	667
Henning A. Blomen (SL)	0	1	5	6
Mark R. Shaw (P)	0	0	0	0
Blanks	6	4	30	40
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Totals	313	225	784	1322

Congressman (14th District)

Joseph William Martin, Jr. (R)	197	87	379	663
Martha Sharp (D)	108	136	385	629
Blanks	8	2	20	30
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Totals	313	225	784	1322

Councillor (Third District)

Francis J. Callahan (D)	112	135	450	697
Otis M. Whitney (R)	183	82	294	559
Blanks	18	8	40	66
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Totals	313	225	784	1322

Senator (Middlesex-Norfolk)

George D. Cassidy (D)	112	141	451	704
Charles W. Olson (R)	191	80	303	574
Blanks	10	4	30	44
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Totals	313	225	784	1322

Representative (8th Norfolk)

Frank D. McCarthy (D)	185	91	327	603
William J. Munroe (R)	114	130	417	661
Blanks	14	4	40	58
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Totals	313	225	784	1322

District Attorney (Southeastern District)

Alfred DeQuoy (D)	99	132	418	649
Edmund R. Dewing (R)	196	88	329	613
Blanks	18	5	37	60
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Totals	313	225	784	1322

Clerk of Courts (Norfolk County)

Willard E. Everett (R)	245	129	512	886
Blanks	68	96	272	436
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Totals	313	225	784	1322

Register of Deeds (Norfolk County)

L. Thomas Shine (R)	246	124	505	875
Blanks	67	101	279	447
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Totals	313	225	784	1322

County Commissioner (Norfolk County)

Frederick A. Leavitt	244	122	508	874
Blanks	69	103	276	448
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Totals	313	225	784	1322

Initiative Question No. 1 (Old Age Pensions)

Yes	127	82	221	430
No	56	35	75	166
Blanks	130	108	488	726
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Totals	313	225	784	1322

Initiative Question No. 2 (Labor Unions)

Yes	134	83	216	433
No	42	41	80	163
Blanks	137	101	488	726
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Totals	313	225	784	1322

Sale of All Alcoholic Beverages

Yes	166	125	418	709
No	67	37	66	170
Blanks	80	63	300	443
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Totals	313	225	784	1322

Sale of Beer and Wines

Yes	167	119	422	708
No	58	33	68	159
Blanks	88	73	294	455
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Totals	313	225	784	1322

Package Stores

Yes	153	118	417	688
No	58	29	66	153
Blanks	102	78	301	481
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Totals	313	225	784	1322

Horse Races

Yes	145	119	340	604
No	94	42	133	269
Blanks	74	64	311	449
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Totals	313	225	784	1322

Dog Races

Yes	122	101	340	563
No	91	43	135	269
Blanks	100	81	309	490
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Totals	313	225	784	1322

Jury Service for Women

Yes	157	98	303	558
No	46	44	130	220
Blanks	110	83	351	544
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Totals	313	225	784	1322

Contributory System for Town Employees

Yes	148	94	298	540
No	49	36	116	206
Blanks	116	95	370	581
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Totals	313	225	784	1322

World Government

Yes	188	118	348	654
No	16	5	58	79
Blanks	109	102	378	589
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Totals	313	225	784	1322

LICENSES ISSUED FOR DIVISION OF FISHERIES AND GAME

Resident Fishing	208 at \$2.00	416.00
Resident Hunting	97 at 2.00	194.00
Resident Sporting	83 at 3.25	269.75
Resident Women and Minor	58 at 1.25	72.50
Resident Minor Trapping	1 at 2.25	2.25
Resident Trapping	10 at 5.25	52.50
Non-Resident 3 day Fishing	6 at 1.50	9.00
Non-Resident Minor Fishing	5 at 2.25	11.25
Non-Resident Fishing	145 at 5.25	761.25
Non-Resident Hunting	26 at 10.25	266.50
Non-Resident Sporting	1 at 15.25	15.25
Non-Resident Trapping	2 at 15.25	30.50
Non-Resident Military	1 at 2.00	2.00
Duplicate licenses	6 at .50	3.00
Resident Sporting—70 years	17 Free	
Resident Military Service	7 Free	
Resident Fishing—60 years	1 Free	

Total licenses issued:	674	\$2,105.75
Total fees: 643 at .25 each:		160.75

Paid Division of Fisheries and Game:	\$1,945.00
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DOG LICENSES**Jan. 1, 1946, to Dec. 31, 1946**

Male	247 at \$2.00	494.00
Spayed	62 at 2.00	124.00
Female	24 at 5.00	120.00
Kennel	1 at 25.00	25.00

	334	763.00
Clerk's fees	334 at .20	66.80

Paid Town Treasurer:	\$696.20
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BIRTHS RECORDED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1946

DATE	NAME	PARENTS
January		
3	Barbara Dorothy Chase	Stanley E. and Dorothy (Pressey)
15	——— Bradeen	Fred W. and Alberta (Curtis)
25	John Patrick Murray	J. Warner and Michalina (Puchta)
26	Judith Ellen Mostek	Walter J. and Helen (Golubowski)
28	Roger Marcel Martin	Wilbrod and Jeanne (Jobin)
28	Stillborn	
29	Clayton Kirk Adams	F. Clayton Adams and Mary (Lane)
February		
8	Beverly Mary Showlskis	John P. and Anna (Rumski)
11	Karen Adele Fielder	Bernard and Lillian (Knoerzer)
27	Constance Doris Dalpe	Sylvio and Helene (Marchand)
March		
9	David Roy Ferguson	Charles and Alice (Reid)
12	Kathleen Tebeau	George L. and Kathryn (Moran)
18	Dale Marie Perron	Nelson and Norma (Fuller)
30	Constance Gloria Gladu	Eugene and Dolores (Nault)
30	Katherine Mary Pleau	William and Marjorie (Baker)
30	Lee Joseph Granger	Harold J. and Lillian (Hast)
April		
9	Dorothy Mae Trottier	Arthur, Jr., and Mary (Henry)
17	Gloria Arcand	Wilfrid and Lillian (Bernier)
28	Ferne Marilyn Reid	Roy E. and Audrey (Brown)
May		
4	Ernest J. Laferte	Albert and Germaine (Poisson)
9	Joseph Olbrys	Charles and Amelia (Glowka)
11	Paul Armand Cournoyer	Armand and Cecile (Laplante)
16	Phillip Gerald Godin	Willis and Gladys (Beaubien)
18	Albert Florentz, Jr.	Albert and Beatrice (Menegazzi)
25	——— Crosta	Nicholas and Mary (Whalen)
31	Mary Alice Poulin	Gerald and Coranna (Coutu)
June		
3	Stillborn	
12	Clare Irene Vadeboncoeur	Emile and Angela (Beauregard)
16	Raymond Eugene Lussier	Eugene and Lorette (Remillard)
30	Dennis Alfred Rattie	Alfred and Stella (Tweedly)
July		
9	Earl Joseph Vater	Walter and Mary (Guy)
11	Bernard Wayne Chattaway	William and Althea (Baillargeon)
16	Madeleine Gloria Fournier	Gabriel and Mary (Mandeville)
18	Arthur Woodrow Levesque	Walter and Anita (Sene)

- 25 ——— Schram
25 Jacqueline Claire Girard

August

- 1 Thomas John Tremba
1 ——— Clark
10 Deborah Sandra Sweck

September

- 8 Richard Martin Harlow
8 Stillborn
13 Charles Paul Valois
14 Richard Alan Lewis
16 Muriel Georgette Dauphin
28 Alan Warren Rowell
28 Robert Aram Remillard
29 Phyllis Elaine Ray
29 ——— Bianchi

October

- 2 Mary Stephanie Cheryl Nadolny
3 Daniel Roger Roy
4 Nancy Armstrong
19 Alice Lorraine Pouliot
25 Mary Ryan
22 Russell Anthony Ridolfi
23 Kathleen Marie Berry
28 Jeanne Marie Boiteau

November

- 2 Linda Jeanne Fagan
15 ——— Cote
15 ——— Levesque
19 ——— Brennan
26 ——— Gentes
27 John Joseph Guerin

December

- 1 Alice Rose Eveline Grenier
4 Rene Romeo Croteau
9 Eileen Frances Cook
12 Armand Rattie
15 Marilyn Ann Dube
15 Helene Marie Stella Armstrong
22 Edward Sydney Whalley
30 ——— Rivet

- Normand and Constance (Deragon)
Charles and Doris (Anger)

- George and Mary (Polny)
Norman C. and Wilhelmina (Lenz)
Alfred and Lillian (Morrissette)

- Wilkins and Jennie (Beane)

- Charles and Olivinne (Guillemette)
Chester and Pauline (Jolicoeur)
Roger and Margaret (Beaulieu)
Warren and Irene (Belisle)
Albert and Yvonne (Picard)
John and Althea (Burrill)
Mario and Margaret (McCarthy)

- Stephen and Lucille (Michalowski)
Henry and Nellie (Murray)
Adam and Dorothea (Carney)
Alfred, Jr., and Frances (Clarke)
Paul and Irene (Lyons)
Russell F. and Josephine (Morte)
Charles and Rita (Foley)
Bertrand and Mary (Geromini)

- Abbey and Lucille (Radlo)
Romuald and Angelina (Artudo)
Henry and Jeannette (Brissette)
William and Beatrice (Chabot)
Rene and Camille (Mattress)
Raymond and Alice (Sculley)

- Norbert and Helene (Gazaille)
Fernand and Juliette (Paquette)
Willard and Alice (Corbett)
Ernest and Helvette (Gingras)
Andre and Pauline (Lareau)
Leo and Gabrielle (Croteau)
Edward and Norma (Lee)
Philemon and Noella

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1946

DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE	MARRIED BY:
January			
5	Daniel D. Daly Ellen Ryan	Windsor, Conn. Bellingham	Rev. John McCarthy, in Bellingham.
5	Laurence J. Stafford Therese F. St. Jean	Bellingham W. Warwick, R. I.	Rev. John Brennan, in Fort Devens, Mass.
5	Robert H. Leblanc Florence M. Levesque	Bellingham Woonsocket, R. I.	Rev. William Raiche, in Woonsocket, R. I.
12	Felix Poiré, Jr. Aurore Pelletier	Bellingham Woonsocket, R. I.	Rev. A. Massicotte, in Woonsocket, R. I.
21	John N. Vater Elaine M. Harroun	Bellingham Boston	Rev. Howard Pomeroy, in Boston
February			
2	Albert H. Anger Lucienne J. Belanger	Woonsocket, R. I. Bellingham	Rev. Charles B. Moisan, in Bellingham.
2	Frank Avallone, Jr. Katherine Henderson	Woonsocket, R. I. Bellingham	George S. Perry, J. P., in Wrentham.
2	Hervey R. Prefontaine Aurore A. Brissette	Bellingham Woonsocket, R. I.	Rev. Christian Guilbault, in Woonsocket, R. I.
5	Cornelius M. Dore, Jr. R. Dorothea Russen	Bellingham Bellingham	Rev. John McCarthy, in Bellingham.
9	John Gerard Smith Mary Louella Boudreau	Bellingham Milford	Rev. Thomas Carberry, in Milford.
11	George E. Giguere Therese L. Bernier	Woonsocket, R. I. Bellingham	Rev. Charles B. Moisan, in Bellingham.
16	Armand St. Germain Lorraine E. Belisle	Blackstone Bellingham	Rev. Clarence Boucher, in Bellingham.
16	Joseph J. Jendrzewski Pauline V. Aleksandrowicz	Lawrence Bellingham	Rev. Charles B. Moisan, in Bellingham.
22	Walter H. Wentzel Helen V. Ramsdell	Bellingham Bellingham	Rev. Luther Morris, in Milford.
March			
2	Eugene St. Laurent Grace F. Dauphin	Woonsocket, R. I. Bellingham	Rev. Clarence Boucher, in Bellingham.
2	William R. Masterson Helen C. Jastrzembski	Woonsocket, R. I. Bellingham	Rev. John McCarthy, in Bellingham.
23	Raymond E. Carrier Cecile B. Bernier	Bellingham Bellingham	Rev. Clarence Boucher, in Bellingham.
April			
22	Austin T. Dorsey Lorette Roberge	Providence, R. I. Bellingham	Rev. Clarence Boucher in Bellingham.
24	Paul A. Sahagian Elaine L. Levitre	Watertown Bellingham	Rev. Clarence Boucher, in Bellingham.
27	George A. Denis Theresa C. Trudel	Woonsocket, R. I. Bellingham	Rev. Clarence Boucher, in Bellingham.

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| 27 William O. Hackett | Bellingham | Rev. Edward Smiley, |
| Amanda L. McGee | Bellingham | in Blackstone. |
| 27 George A. Littlefield | Bellingham | Rev. Ivan Nowlan, |
| Pauline D. Kinnear | Bellingham | in Medway. |

May

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| 4 Raymond A. Lanctot | Woonsocket, R.I. | Rev. Clarence Boucher |
| Claire M. Paulhus | Bellingham | in Bellingham. |
| 4 Arthur Laplante | Woonsocket, R.I. | Rev. Francesco Bruno, |
| Ethel Neri | Bellingham | in Woonsocket, R. I. |
| 5 William S. Masters | Bloomington, Ind | Rev. Charles Moison, |
| Evelyn M. Boyle | Bellingham | in Bellingham |
| 11 Edmond Alexandrowicz | Bellingham | Rev. C. Andruszkiewicz, |
| Helen Marchwicki | Woonsocket, R.I. | in Woonsocket, R. I. |
| 18 Arthur A. Remillard | Bellingham | Rev. George B. Gray, |
| Catherine E. Maroney | Franklin | in Franklin. |
| 23 Rene B. Martel | Bellingham | Rev. T. St. Jean, |
| Pauline R. Blais | Saylesville, R.I. | in Central Falls, R. I. |
| 25 Alfred J. Desrosiers | Woonsocket, R.I. | Rev. Clarence Boucher, |
| Bertha E. DeTonnancourt | Bellingham | in Bellingham. |

June

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| 1 Maxime N. Asselin | Blackstone | Rev. Clarence Boucher, |
| Theresa C. Paquin | Bellingham | in Bellingham |
| 5 George V. Lanctot | Woonsocket, R.I. | Rev. Clarence Boucher, |
| Lea R. Berthiaume | Bellingham | in Bellingham. |
| 15 John T. Haczynski | N. Smithfield, R.I. | Rev. Clarence Boucher, |
| Frances A. Starzak | Bellingham | in Bellingham. |
| 16 Walter E. Arnold | Bellingham | Rev. H. N. Schluntz, |
| Alberta B. Norcross | Franklin | in Franklin. |
| 22 Ralph W. Williams, Jr. | Somerville | Rev. Joseph Belcher, |
| Mary Louise Thomas | Bellingham | in Bellingham. |
| 22 Normand G. Caron | Woonsocket, R.I. | Rev. Clarence Boucher, |
| Anita D. Levitre | Bellingham | in Bellingham. |
| 22 Alfred Pouliot, Jr. | Bellingham | Rev. Charles Moisan, |
| Frances Clark | Franklin | in Bellingham. |
| 24 Richard H. Grover | Rowley | Rev. Emerson Smith, |
| Florence L. Perreault | Bellingham | in Hamilton, Mass. |
| 29 Oscar W. Menard | Woonsocket, R.I. | Rev. Clarence Boucher, |
| Therese B. Menard | Bellingham | in Bellingham. |

July

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| 13 Wyman H. Cook | Bellingham | Rev. Christian Guilbault |
| Lillian St. Louis | Woonsocket, R.I. | in Woonsocket. |
| 13 John W. Tyndall | Bellingham | Rev. Samuel Riggs, |
| Elizabeth MacMaster | Framingham | in Bellingham. |
| 13 Eugene E. Lemire | Blackstone | Rev. Charles B. Moisan, |
| Muriel Belisle | Bellingham | in Bellingham. |

20 Peter Pereshula	Blackstone	Rev. Clarence Boucher,
Bruna Gaudini	Bellingham	in Bellingham.

August

3 Anthony C. Siravo	Johnston, R.I.	Rev. Joseph Rainville,
Therese I. Gosselin	Bellingham	in Bellingham.
10 Irving A. King	Fall River	Rev. E. D. Ellenwood,
Doris W. Rhodes	Bellingham	in Woonsocket, R. I.
24 Arthur A. Wildes	Woonsocket, R.I.	Rev. Charles B. Moisan,
Frances M. Dussault	Bellingham	in Bellingham.
24 Matthew F. Pytko	Woonsocket, R.I.	Rev. Clarence Boucher,
Frances A. Pichie	Bellingham	in Bellingham.
24 James F. Harper	Bellingham	Rev. W. P. Kavanaugh,
Eileen M. Chard	Worcester	in Worcester.
28 Normand J. Lataille	Bellingham	Rev. John M. Wathen,
Blanche A. Archambault,	Woonsocket	in Woonsocket, R. I.
31 Roy A. Minot	Woonsocket, R.I.	Rev. Clarence Boucher,
Winifred F. Gariepy	Bellingham	in Bellingham.
31 Leroy A. Landi	N. Smithfield, R.I.	Rev. Charles Moisan
Germaine A. Willame	Bellingham	in Bellingham.

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2 Bernard R. Pleau	Bellingham	Rev. Charles B. Moisan,
Pauline E. Patrick	Bellingham	in Bellingham.
6 Wesley H. Johnson	Bellingham	Rev. Percy Clark,
Virginia M. Bates	Franklin	in Milford, Mass.
7 Alfred Aleksandrowicz	Bellingham	Rev. C. Andruszkiewicz,
Alexandra Janik	Woonsocket, R. I.	in Woonsocket, R. I.
13 Walter J. Hogarth Jr.	Bellingham	Rev. Gordon C. Capen
Lillian A. Guyette	Bellingham	in Franklin.
14 Herbert F. Arnold	Bellingham	Rev. Edward Dyer
Olga A. Pavlovskia	Hopedale	in Hopedale.
14 Raynald A. Lamarque	Bellingham	Rev. F. H. Swift,
Rita B. Girard	Millville	in Millville, Mass.
14 Norman A. Ramsay	Woonsocket, R. I.	Rev. W. Kirschbaum,
Arlene V. Lescarbeau	Bellingham	in Woonsocket, R. I.
14 Timothy J. Hannigan	Milford	Rev. Thomas Carberry,
Jeannette M. Mellea	Bellingham	in Milford.
14 William E. Pierce	Bellingham	Rev. Otis L. Monson,
Maude E. Winterbottom	Bellingham	in Bellingham.
20 Peter Highcove	Woonsocket, R. I.	Leo A. Gosselin, J. P.
Jeannette H. Lamberto	Bellingham	in Bellingham.
21 Donald A. Thomas	Bellingham	Rev. Stanley A. Welch,
Rosamond F. Coe	Mendon	in Bellingham.
21 Alex J. Galuza	Bellingham	Rev. Christian Guilbault in
Rita M. Courtemanche	Woonsocket, R. I.	Woonsocket.
26 Jean-Paul Renaud	Woonsocket, R. I.	Rev. Edmund Cornellier,
Jeanne I. Gelinas	Bellingham	in Bellingham.

October

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| 5 John Brendon Dore Jr. | Bellingham | Rev. Leo Groce, |
| Jennie K. Niro | Milford | in Milford. |
| 5 Marcel Rivard | Bellingham | Rev. Edmond Cornellier, |
| Cecile Duhaime | Bellingham | in Bellingham. |
| 13 Bertram Rivard | Bellingham | Rev. Robert Rivard, |
| Melina Dulski | Medway | in Medway. |

November

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| 16 Raymond E. Harper | Bellingham | Rev. Leo A. O'Leary, |
| Leona H. Lague | Holliston | in Holliston. |
| 23 Richard W. Holm | Burrillville, R. I. | Rev. Edmond Cornellier |
| Alice P. Pichie | Bellingham | in Bellingham. |
| 30 Bernard R. Lariviere | Blackstone | Rev. Edward Cornellier, |
| Gertrude B. Pretto | Bellingham | in Bellingham. |
| 11 Rene L. Boisseau | Bellingham | Rev. Normand Meunier, |
| Constance L. Frigon | Woonsocket, R. I. | in Woonsocket. |

December

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| 21 Chester P. Hood | Bellingham | Rev. Stanley R. Welch, |
| Ida R. Estes | Bellingham | in Bellingham. |
| 25 Edward E. Cartier | Bellingham | Rev. Edward Smiley, |
| Jennie J. Ankewicz | N. Smithfield, R. I. | in Blackstone. |

DEATHS RECORDED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1946

DATE	NAME	AGE	CAUSE OF DEATH
January			
2	George R. MacMaster	77	Myocarditis
12	Hormisdas Boulet	65	Pulmonary edema
18	James C. Hiltz	91	Senility
28	Stillborn		
29	Annie Mulligan	79	Cerebral hemorrhage
February			
18	Lillian M. Barrows	33	General paresis
21	Georgeanna Dawley	73	Pulmonary edema
March			
6	Elizabeth Martin	76	Arterio-sclerosis
13	Annie Thayer	81	Coronary thrombosis
13	Joseph Deberghes	80	Diabetes
April			
4	Frederick Leek	77	Chronic myocarditis
May			
9	Napoleon Gelinis	81	Cerebral hemorrhage
13	George D. Crooks	77	Heart failure
14	Joseph Olbrys	5 days	Hemorrhage
June			
3	Stillborn		
16	Anne M. Fougere	67	Carcinoma
30	Amelia Casavant	53	Pneumonia
July			
5	Rachel Rovedo	3	Fractured neck
30	Josephine Royer	74	Coronary occlusion
August			
13	Daniel J. Dwyer	58	Cerebral hemorrhage
14	Alice M. Poulin	2 months	Heart disease
18	Everett E. Copeland	57	Heart disease
23	William P. Rice	85	Senility
September			
8	Stillborn		
23	Ida M. Camp	60	Coronary occlusion
October			
6	Rosmond Brodeur	48	Lobar pneumonia
9	Frances Yates	57	Coronary thrombosis
18	Nancy L. Armstrong	14 days	Pneumonia
18	Olivinne Boivin	81	Heart disease

30 Jeremiah O'Rourke
24 Hermeline Monfils

November

3 Allie L. Thompson
18 Rose Gentes
18 Charles H. Bradley
27 Bert E. Hood

December

17 Marie Thomann
18 John Lewinski
30 Andrea Fiorina

56 Coronary thrombosis
82 Heart disease

84 Chronic myocarditis
65 Cerebral hemorrhage
77 Heart disease
63 Cerebral hemorrhage

73 Carcinoma
79 Heart disease
68 Coronary occlusion

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

The Board of Registrars of Voters, composed of Chairman Michael F. Ryan, Harland E. Cook, Ernest Dubois, and Clerk Leo A. Gosselin, held sessions for the registration of voters as follows:

Town Hall: February 20, May 28, October 16.

North Bellingham Schoolhouse: February 12, May 28, October 10.

South Bellingham Community Building: February 12, February 16, May 28, October 10.

Sessions were held at the Town Hall for the tabulation of votes cast at the Town Election, State Primary, and State Election; and for recounts of votes for Selectmen, Town Clerk, and Tax Assessor; and for recounts of votes for Lieutenant-Governor and State Auditor.

The number of registered and enrolled voters as of Oct. 16, 1946, follows:

	Democratic	Republican	Not Enrolled	Totals
Precinct No. 1	109	97	229	435
Precinct No. 2	114	56	170	340
Precinct No. 3	335	132	596	1063
Totals	558	285	995	1838

MICHAEL F. RYAN
HARLAND E. COOK
ERNEST DUBOIS

Registrars of Bellingham.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen, with Walter P. Lewinski, Leo A. Gosselin and Edgar Wade as members, organized for the year 1946 with Walter P. Lewinski as Chairman and Leo A. Gosselin as Clerk.

STATE AUDIT. The Selectmen in April requested the State Division of Accounts to conduct an audit of the receipts and expenses of the preceding financial year. Although minor errors of omission and commission were noted in the audit report, no flagrant irregularity was disclosed, and the financial accounts were found substantially correct.

VETERANS' SERVICES. The Office of Veterans' Services, managed by Director Lionel R. Trudeau, with the assistance of a nine member Advisory Board, provided a convenient center for veterans of all wars in connection with assistance and information in the solution of veterans' problems.

TOWN DUMP. Numerous complaints having been received about the unsatisfactory conditions prevailing at the Town Dump on Westminster Ave., it was decided to appoint a Special Police Officer to regulate dumping at that location, and to prevent outside people from using the dump facilities. The thickly settled section in South Bellingham requires a public dump, and measures will have to be taken either to remove the present dump to another location, or to render the present site less objectionable to the nearby residents.

DRAINAGE. The surface drainage situation in certain sections demands immediate attention, especially along Westminster Ave. and Peters' River, where the flow of surface water has been increased without a corresponding increase in drainage facilities, causing flooded conditions on many a parcel of land in that section.

STREET LIGHTS. The program of extension of street lights was continued, and new locations have been authorized, with installations expected in the near future as soon as materials become available. A survey has been made for the Silver Lake section and Lake Street, and street lights should be provided for that area.

MUNICIPAL FIELD. The athletic field adjoining the High School premises is assuming more importance every year, and its continued improvement and maintenance is highly recommended.

FIRE DEPARTMENT. Some valuable Civilian Defense equipment was purchased at the very low price of \$200, providing extra apparatus for the volunteer fire department.

SCOTT'S CURVE. The long-awaited elimination of Scott's Curve on South Main Street was a capital achievement of 1946, at a cost to the town of approximately \$3000. The project was carried through by a private contractor under the supervision of the State Department of Public Works.

NORTH BELLINGHAM COMMUNITY BUILDING. The thickly settled area embraced by Caryville and North Bellingham is being provided with a community building that will serve as a center for social and civic activities. Extensive interior repairs already have been completed, and the improvements should be continued with necessary exterior repairs.

BY-LAWS. At a Special Town Meeting held on July 8, 1946, the voters authorized Moderator William W. Fairbanks to appoint a committee of three to compile a set of By-Laws for Bellingham, and Andor deJony, Joseph I. Taylor and Herbert Hannah were appointed for that purpose. The By-Laws, as recommended by that committee, were adopted by the voters at a Special Town Meeting held on December 2, 1946, and approved by the Attorney General on December 30, 1946.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS. The Police Department is handicapped in its operation by the absence of Traffic Regulations, and it is recommended that such regulations be adopted as soon as possible, either as part of the By-Laws, or as separate rules to be approved by the State Department of Public Works.

HEALTH REGULATIONS. The Board of Selectmen, acting as a Board of Health, has been unable to take action in many nuisance cases because of the lack of a set of health regulations in Bellingham, and the adoption of such rules is recommended. The publication of the By-Laws, Traffic Regulations, and Health Regulations in one town bulletin or pamphlet is recommended.

STREETS. The highway improvement program is continuing, and every year sees additional streets being added to the list of tarred and completed ways. The acquisition of two new trucks by the Highway Department should effect a drastic reduction in the expenditures for the Machinery Account; the truck specifications should guarantee efficient service at a minimum cost.

LIQUOR LICENSES. The following schedule of fees for licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages has been adopted by the Selectmen:

Restaurant—all alcoholic beverages	\$300.00
Restaurant—wines and beer	150.00
Club—all alcoholic beverages	200.00
Package store—all alcoholic beverages	150.00

Package store—wines and beer	100.00
Seasonal—all alcoholic beverages	100.00

The holders of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages in Bellingham are as follows:

Peter Coniaris	Seasonal—all alcoholic beverages
Wasył Kornicki	Restaurant—all alcoholic beverages
Earl Rogers	Restaurant—all alcoholic beverages
John F. Sullivan, Inc. (Angelina Devenuto)	Restaurant—all alcoholic beverages
Peter Coniaris	Restaurant—wines and beer
Harold Dahlstrom	Restaurant—wines and beer
Ma Glockner (Martin Glockner)	Restaurant—wines and beer
Red Top Athletic Club (Paul Robidoux)	Club—all alcoholic beverages
The Cottage Club (Walter Mostek)	Club—all alcoholic beverages
Bellingham Amusement Club (Alphonse Cote)	Club—all alcoholic beverages
Bellingham Social Club (Tony Guimelli)	Club—all alcoholic beverages
Silver Lake Club (Alice Courtemanche)	Club—all alcoholic beverages
Walter Kornicki	Package store—all alcoholic beverages
Charles Berry	Package store—beer and wines
Peter Olbrys	Package store—beer and wines

RECEIPTS. The receipts from licenses of all kinds issued and granted by the Board of Selectmen in 1946 reached a new high with the sum of \$3,764.00.

DEBT. For the second successive year, Bellingham completed its 1946 fiscal year without any outstanding indebtedness incurred in anticipation of revenue. The cash balance at the end of the year was \$30,000.

TOWN HALL. The oldest municipal building in town requires extensive interior repairs, and we recommend the adoption of a program to renovate the upper part of the building.

INDUSTRY. The large textile mill being erected at Box Pond in Bellingham Center is definitely a major contribution to the progress of the town, and will prove to be a most substantial asset.

WALTER P. LEWINSKI
EDGAR WADE
LEO A. GOSSELIN

Selectmen of Bellingham.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Bellingham, Mass.
December 31, 1946.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Highway Superintendent for the year ending December 31, 1946.

As agreed at a meeting of your board with Mr. Rowe representing the State Department and as prescribed by Chapter 81 under which general highway repairs are made, I have had the following streets treated and sealed with bituminous oils and tars in whole or in part as follows: Pearl, Farm, Hartford Ave., North Main, South Main, Blackstone, North, Center, Maple and Plain Streets.

A mix-in-place treatment comprising sand, stone and tar was applied to sections of Pearl, South Main Streets and Hartford Avenue.

Two sections of South Main Street and one section of Wrentham Street were excavated. These were gravelled, shaped and tarred.

Bituminous patching was done, catch basins were cleaned and fall and spring scraping was done in the usual manner.

Under Chapter 90 the whole of Pulaski Boulevard and part of Wrentham Street were sealed with RC-2 materials as directed by engineer.

Special appropriation monies were used to reshape, grade, gravel and tar such streets as Winter, Central, Trenton, Irving, Elbow, Stockholm, Park and Pleasant.

Railings were renewed on sections of Pulaski Boulevard, Wrentham and North Main Streets. Planking on Park Street bridge renewed. Cement caps were installed on Wrentham Street bridge.

Some of the equipment used by highway department is in bad condition due to wear, and should be renewed. The road grader is in a very poor mechanical condition and is too small to fill in the present requirements. Bearing in mind the age of this grader, its present condition and the contemplated road improvements for the ensuing year, I would consider it good policy if the town should purchase a new machine at this time.

Snow plowing was let out to residents in various parts of the town, who were assigned their respective routes.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL ROBIDOUX,

Superintendent of Streets.

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

Bellingham, Mass.

January 5, 1947.

Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

As Dog Officer I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1946:

Complaints received and investigated	59
Stray dogs, confined, killed, and buried	32
Dogs killed request of owners	4
Dogs killed for destroying	4
Dogs hit by automobiles	12
Dead	7
Persons bitten by dogs	7
Owners of property damage by dogs	6
Owners notified to pay dog licenses	21

All dogs must be licensed by April 1st.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. FLEUETTE,

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Bellingham, Mass.

January 5, 1947.

Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

As Chief of Police I hereby submit the report of my department for the year ending December 31, 1946:

Complaints received and investigated	380
47 of these were motor vehicle accidents,	
27 suffered minor injuries, 2 fatal.	

Summons served for out of town police departments	24
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Arrests made for out of town police	4
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Arrests made for:

Assault and battery	7
Breaking and entering and larceny	8
Disturbing the peace	1
Dog keeping unlicensed	1
Endangering	7
Driving under the influence of liquor	2
Leaving scene without making known	3
Drunkenness	2
Lewdness	2
Non-support	3
Motor vehicles laws violations	40
Taken to State institutions	2

I thank the police officers and the Board of Selectmen for the co-operation that they have given me the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. FLEUETIE,

Chief of Police.

REPORT OF THE PHYSICIAN TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH

December 24, 1946.

Board of Public Health,
Bellingham, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The following is a report of the work done by me as physician to the Board of Health for the Town of Bellingham during the year of 1946:

Toxoid clinic opened April 5, 1946, closed June 14, 1946. Fifty children received the three protective doses of Toxoid. Sixteen children received one or two doses and for one reason or another did not finish. The age groups who finished their treatment are as follows:

From six months to one year	14
From one year to five years	24
From five years to nine years	10
Over nine years	2

A booster toxoid clinic was held on December 4, 1946. Two hundred seven school children from six to 12 years of age were given treatment, 12 pre-school children were given treatment.

This is the first year that a booster toxoid clinic was held. It was recommended by the Massachusetts State Department of Public Health throughout the entire State and as noted above we had a very large clinic which was very gratifying.

During the early fall there were reports of an infantile paralysis epidemic in this area. We were most fortunate as we had only one reportable case.

In closing I wish to thank you gentlemen for your co-operation and also Miss Grace Moran for her assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD L. SHENKER, M. D.,

Physician to the Board of Health, Bellingham, Mass.

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report as sealer of weights and measures for the year ending Dec. 31, 1946:

All places of business in the town of Bellingham were visited by me after notification by public notice as the law requires: and also peddlers as to licenses.

Sealers measures, etc., sealed and adjusted.	
Platform over 10,000 lbs. adjusted and sealed	3
Platform 5,000 to 10,000 lbs. sealed and adjusted	3
Spring under 100 lbs.	4
Computing under 100 lbs.	9
Liquid 1 gallon and under	1
Meter 1 inch inlet	28
Quantity measure on pumps	2

Respectfully submitted,

ADRIEN TRUDEAU,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1946

Bellingham, Mass.
January 7, 1947.

To the Board of Selectmen of Bellingham:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my first annual report as Director of Veterans' Services in the Town of Bellingham.

The fiscal year 1946 has been a busy one indeed for the Department of Veterans' Services. It is with pride that I am now able to report that the Town of Bellingham, through the medium of this depart-

ment, was ready and able to assist its veterans in solving the many and varied problems which confronted them on their return to civilian life.

The following is a summary of the activity of the Department of Veterans' Services during the past year:

Kind of Form	No. Processed
Application for Mass. State Bonus	342
Application for appeal of disallowed bonus	134
Application for bonus by dependents of deceased	4
Affidavits in support of bonus claims	176
Application for educational benefits under Pub. Law 346	51
Application for education and training under Pub. Law 16	18
Application for terminal leave	225
Application for reinstatement in N. S. L. I.	17
Application for pension	9
Appeal of pension allowances	6
Application for out-patient treatment	13
Application for Veterans' benefits under state and local regulations	16
Certified copy of record of discharge	64

In addition to processing the above, I have to date recorded 126 discharges of all branches of the service. This number, I am sorry to say, is far from representing all the discharges which should be recorded in this town. Unfortunately there are many discharge papers which I could not record when the veterans came to my office for interviews on their bonus, because the forms required were not available during the first few months of 1946. I have since tried to inform all veterans of this town with the importance of having their discharge papers recorded, but with very limited success. I therefore again wish to request that each veteran have his discharge papers recorded as soon as possible so that they may become official town records. Every veteran owes himself this protection.

Financial Report

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1946

Original Appropriation	\$5,000.00	
Supplementary Appropriation	950.00	
Total Appropriation		\$5,950.00

EXPENDITURES

1. Administrative expenses	
Director's salary	\$1,020.00
Travel	294.00
Office supplies	75.73

2. Honor Roll expenses:		
Upkeep, repair, replacements	293.54	
3. Veterans' Benefits:		
a) Regular cases:		
Cash	2,707.50	
Medical	45.86	
Miscellaneous	122.40	
b) Special cases:		
Food	309.00	
Medical	387.25	
Miscellaneous	46.95	
Total expenditures		\$5,302.23
Unexpended balance		<u>\$647.27</u>

As evidenced by the above financial report, there remained in this department an unexpended balance of \$647.27. The Town of Bellingham realized the above saving because after repeated efforts I was able to transfer part of the town's share of the expenses of Veterans' Benefits to the State and Federal governments.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank publicly John J. Clancy of North Bellingham and Charles Mullally of Millville, representatives of the Massachusetts State Bonus Division, for their untiring efforts in expediting for our local veterans the approval of many bonus applications. I also wish to thank Mr. Percy L. Rowe, superintendent of schools, and Mr. Edward F. Collins, high school principal, for their active co-operation with this department in establishing our evening school for veterans.

Finally, I wish to express to you members of the Board of Selectmen, to the members of the Veterans' Advisory Committee, and to the American Legion my sincere thanks for your excellent co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

LIONEL R. TRUDEAU,

Director.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

South Bellingham, Mass.

January 3, 1947.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Slaughtering for the Town of Bellingham for the year ending December, 1946.

I have inspected all slaughtered animals that I have been requested to and have stamped the meat of said slaughtered animals as is required by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

All animals which are to be slaughtered and offered for sale as human food, or any part of which is to be offered for sale, must be inspected at the time of slaughtering, and the meat properly stamped by the Inspector of Slaughtering.

Domestic animals slaughtered for home consumption need not be inspected and stamped.

During the year three slaughtering licenses have been issued and due to the shortage of meat, more local animals have been slaughtered in the town than any time in the history of Bellingham.

I have been requested to inspect and stamp 209 cattle, 78 hogs and 37 calves, during the year ending December 31, 1946.

I am of the opinion that those who have slaughtered animals in the town for local sale have been careful to comply with the laws covering the inspection and stamping. I wish to thank them for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

OVILA MAJEAU,
Slaughtering Inspector.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Bellingham, Mass.
Jan. 21, 1947.

The Board of Assessors herewith present a summary of the figures used in fixing the 1946 tax rate:

Gross amount to be raised		\$244,093.58
Total estimated receipts and available funds		\$110,707.63
Net amount to be raised by taxation on polls and property		\$133,385.95
Number of polls, 1020		2,100.00
Total valuation on personal property	\$284,726.00	\$12,670.31
Total real estate	\$2,665,520.00	\$118,615.64
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		\$133,385.95

Total valuation of real and personal property—\$2,950,246.00.

Tax rate for 1946—\$44.50 per thousand

The increased valuation from previous year—\$187,816.00.

CLARENCE W. HOYT
ELLSWORTH R. CROOKS
FRANCIS P. DIGGINS

Board of Assessors of Bellingham.

REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

The Bellingham Bureau of Aid to Dependent Children aided the total of six cases during the year of 1946 with a total of \$3891.61 being spent on these cases. The following is a breakdown of the net cost to the town for this caseload:

Federal cost of case load	1059.90
State cost of caseload	1296.81
Town cost of caseload	1534.90
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Total cost	3891.61

During the year the town received the following reimbursements:

Federal Government	1095.79
State	1161.97
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Total	2257.76

The average cost per case is bound to be higher during 1947 unless unforeseen circumstances arise, in view of the fact that the Standard State Budget system will be in force for a full year instead of for four month period. The adoption of this budget, along with budget increases made effective in September, 1946, very seriously effected the average caseload cost for the last four months of 1946.

REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

The Town aided through this Department a total of 119 cases of which 22 were State cases and eight were out of town cases. The total of these payrolls was \$54,308.12, broken down as follows:

Federal cost	22,334.00
State cost	23,502.09
Other towns	510.00
Bellingham cost	7,965.03
Total	54,308.12
of this total 11,337.90 was spent on State cases gross	
3080.06 was spent on out of town cases.	
Total expenses of department payrolls	54,308.12
Salaries	1,275.00
Stationery and supplies	167.55
Stamps	104.00
Adding machine	120.00
Outside towns	361.64
	56,336.31
Total funds available for the department:	
Balance January 1, 1946	2,567.41
March appropriation	32,000.00
October transfer	3,200.00
Federal funds	21,187.67
Refunds	422.81
	59,377.89
Total spent	56,336.31
	3,041.58
Balance Dec. 31, 1946	

Thus it may be seen that out of a total cost of \$56,336.31, the net cost to the town is \$9,993.22, and this figure covers all the town costs for its cases inside the town and cases paid for out of the town. In view of the fact that the State and Federal Governments contribute so much more than the Town of Bellingham it is logical that the Town of

Bellingham does not have much control over the cost per case on its Old Age Rolls. All normal cases are figured on a Standard Budget drawn up by the State Department of Public Welfare. Any variations from this Standard Budget must be explained to the State Department's satisfaction. If a case is eligible under the State regulations the Bureau of Old Age Assistance is compelled to place the case on its rolls, and pay the sum due the case under the Standard Budget system. Thus the regular grants on the Old Age rolls are more or less fixed. The expenditures of the department will be increased over and above normal budgetary figures to cover the cost of medicine, doctors, dentists, hospital bills and other allied costs.

In the long run the expenditures of the Bureau of Old Age Assistance are dependent upon the following four factors, if we assume that budget figures remain the same:

- a) The number of cases in the Caseload of Old Age Assistance
- b) The Physical Condition of the caseload
- c) The Living conditions of the caseload dependent upon
 - 1) number of cases living with children, 2) the number maintaining their own homes, 3) the number boarding, and 4) the number in rest homes or hospitals
- d) Number and amount of payments after death for medical, hospital care and funeral bills.

It is possible to maintain the same caseload, and have a decrease or an increase due to changes in the other three factors. Thus it may be readily seen that the total expenditures of the Department are totally dependent upon these factors, if the Standard Budget figures remain unchanged. If the Standard Budget increases then it will be another factor in determining the cost of caseload, a factor which can very seriously effect the costs of the department. It is impossible to base any comparison of the department's expenditures on a cost per case with that of any other department or with any other year in view of the above mentioned four factors. With unsettled conditions prevailing in employment picture as far as the older employees are concerned, and a higher cost per case prevailing at the close of the year, than at the start of 1946, the board feels that it is necessary to request a higher appropriation at the Annual Town Meeting than asked for at the 1946 meeting.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

During the year of 1946 the Welfare Department aided a total of 33 cases, three of which were settled in other towns and fourteen were State cases.

The board spent the following sums:

For direct aid to cases in town	10,378.71
Paid other towns	715.94
Salary clerk	1,065.00
Salaries of board members and expenses	250.00
Telephones	173.69
Miscellaneous	11.10
	<hr/> 12,594.44

From this expenditure of \$12,594.44 the town will be reimbursed as follows:

From the State	4,505.29
Other towns	840.43
	<hr/> 5,345.72
Total reimbursement	5,345.72
Total expenditures	12,594.44
Less reimbursements	5,345.72
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Net cost to town	7,248.72

In comparing this with last year's expenditures the total in 1945 was \$10,936.30 as compared with \$12,594.44 in 1946. The net cost to town in 1945 was \$6593.50 as compared with \$7248.72 in 1946. Thus while the expenditures for the year increased \$1658.14 over 1945 the net cost to the town was only \$395.22 higher. This can only be explained by the board securing higher reimbursements from the State and other towns during 1946.

The board feels that the increase in welfare costs over the year of 1945 can be traced directly to increased costs of living which are so apparent to everyone these days. The board cannot be expected to carry the present caseload at the same cost per case as in prior years, in view of the higher costs for everything that the board must secure. If the State Legislature would pass a law enabling the Boards of Welfare to place non-citizens on the Old Age Rolls, the Bellingham board would be able to very drastically reduce the cost of caseload on Welfare. This appears to be the only change that can aid us in reducing the welfare costs.

FRED WHALEN, Chairman Board of Welfare
ROY E. ADAMS, Member Board of Welfare
RAYMOND MOWRY, Member Board of Welfare

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1946

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1946		\$17,508.07
Auditor's adjustment		226.30
Receipts 1946		341,103.20
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Expenditures, 1946	\$325,840.90	\$358,837.57
Auditor's adjustment	2,123.22	
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Balance, Jan. 1, 1947		\$30,873.45
	DONAT LAPLANTE,	
	Town Treasurer	

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Jan. 1, 1946 to Dec. 31, 1946

Poll Tax**YEAR 1944**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1946	\$68.00
Paid Treasurer	\$36.00
Abated	32.00
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	68.00
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947	None

YEAR 1945

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1946	\$150.00
Paid Treasurer	\$102.00
Abated	48.00
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	150.00
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947	None

YEAR 1946

Committed in 1946	\$2,106.00
Paid Treasurer	\$1,732.00
Abated	374.00
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	2,106.00
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947	None

Motor Vehicle Excises**YEAR 1944**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1946	20.34
Paid Treasurer	7.23
Abated	13.11
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	20.34
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947	None

YEAR 1945

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1946		\$568.48
Paid Treasurer	\$541.88	
Abated	26.60	568.48

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947		None
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YEAR 1946

Committed in 1946		\$5,521.35
Paid Treasurer	\$5,064.71	
Abated	39.17	5,103.88

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947		\$417.47
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Personal Property Taxes

YEAR 1943

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1946		\$93.90
Paid Treasurer	\$71.46	
Abated	22.44	93.90

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947		None
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YEAR 1944

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1946		\$1,041.13
Paid Treasurer	\$959.52	
Abated	102.00	

\$1,061.52

Less Money Refunded by Treasurer	20.39	1,041.13
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Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947		None
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YEAR 1945

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1946		\$2,711.02
Paid Treasurer	\$2,319.94	
Abated	43.56,	2,363.50

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947		347.52
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YEAR 1946

Committed in 1946		\$12,670.31
Paid Treasurer	\$9,901.35	
Abated	117.92	10,019.27

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947		2,651.04
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Real Estate Taxes

YEAR 1943

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1946		\$155.98
Paid Treasurer	109.78	

Abated	39.60	
Tax Titles	6.60	155.98
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Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947		None
YEAR 1944		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1946		\$6,912.50
Paid Treasurer	\$6,602.46	
Abated	7.28	
Tax Titles	270.96	6,880.70
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Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947		31.80
YEAR 1945		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1946		\$23,262.62
Paid Treasurer	\$98,193.51	
Abated	27.19	
Tax Titles	674.38	99,760.82
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Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947		5,547.34
YEAR 1946		
Committed in 1946		\$119,029.37
Paid Treasurer	\$98,193.51	
Abated	892.93	
Tax Titles	674.38	99,760.82
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Outstanding Jan. 1 1947		19,268.55

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE V. BOURRE,
Tax Collector.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND MILK

In the year 1946 I have inspected 237 cows, as well as conducting an inspection of all barns and dairies in town.

JEAN B. MANDEVILLE,
Inspector of Animals and Milk.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The annual report of the librarian for the Bellingham Public Library is herewith presented.

There has been a slight decrease in the number of adult books loaned during the past year, although the number of juvenile books loaned out has shown a decided increase.

We have been very fortunate this year in receiving an unusually large number of books as gifts from interested townspeople. These gifts contained many valuable reference books as well as an unusually fine selection of fiction. We would like to take this opportunity to thank these valued friends.

We greatly appreciate the co-operation of the teachers in helping in the selection of the correct books for the school children. A large percentage of our patrons are children and it is essential that they receive books appropriate to their age group in order to develop proper reading habits for later life.

At this time, I would like to express my grateful appreciation to the trustees, my assistants and the janitor for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

LILLIAN GRANGER,

Librarian.

New Books Added to December 31, 1946

Classified Books

Author	Title
Huberman, Leo	Truth About Unions
Bigland, Eileen	Laughing Odyssey
Curwood, James	Falkner of the Inland Sea
Byrd, Richard	Discovery
Halstead, Murat	History of American Expansion
Hahn, Emily	Raffles of Singapore
Kravchenko, Victor	I Chose Freedom

Adult Fiction

Christie, Agatha	The Big Four
Rath, E. J.	Elope If You Must
Wells, Carolyn	Triple Murder
Colbron, Grace	Joe Muller, Detective

Author	Title
Hamilton, Bruce	To Be Hanged
Wolff, William A.	Trial of Mary Dugan
Keeler, Harry Stephen	Thieves Nights
Ford, Paul Leicester	A House Party
Keeler, Harry Stephen	Sing Sing Nights
Mayo, Catherine	Slaves of the Gods
Wentworth, Patricia	Fool Errant
McFarlane, Leslie	The Murder Tree
Wentworth, Patricia	The Coldstone
Wees, Frances Shelley	Mystery of the Creeping Man
Zweig Arnold	Case of Sergeant Grischa
Farson, Negley	Way of a Transgressor
Baldwin, Faith	Week-End Marriage
Raynolds, Robert	Brothers in the West
Bottom, Phyllis	The Life Line
Eberhart, Mignon	Five Passengers from Lisbon
Grey, Zane	Shadow on the Trail
Norris, Kathleen	Mink Coat
Seiffert, Elizabeth	Old Doc
Welty, Eudora	Delta Wedding
Gambier, Kenyon	The White Horse and the Red Headed Girl
Grey, Zane	The U. P. Trail
Ward, Mrs. Humphrey	Lady Connie
Pryce, Richard	Christopher
Lippman, Julie	Flexible Ferdinand
Carey	Aunt Diana
Gates, Eleanor	The Plow Woman
Shaw, Stanley	A Siren of the Snows
Ward, Mrs. Humphrey	Eltham House
Tufts, Drew	Hiram Blair
Hume, Fergus	The Pagan's Cup
Balmer, Edwin	Ruth of the U. S. A.
Wright, Harold Bell	That Printer of Udells
Vachell, Horace	The Soul of Susan Yellam
McCulley, Johnson	The Masked Woman
Woodrow, Mrs. Wilson	The Beauty
Soutar, Andrew	The Honor of the House
Fitzhugh, Percy	Roy Blakeley
Weston, Christine	The Dark Wood
Bridge, Ann	Singing Waters
Yerby, Frank	Foxes of Harrow
Cronin, A. J.	The Green Years
	Keys of the Kingdom
Hueston, Ethel	Please, No Paregoric
Costain, Thomas	The Black Rose
Keyes, Frances Parkinson	The River Road
O'Hara, Mary	Green Grass of Wyoming
Seifert, Elizabeth	Dusty Spring
Corbett, Elizabeth	Lady with Parasol

Author	Title
Caldwell, Taylor	This Side of Innocence
Ruck, Berta	Surprise Engagement
Fletcher, J. S.	Murder in the Squire's Pew
Hough, Emerson	Mother of Gold
Green, Anne	The Selbys
Harkness	Andy the Acrobat
Wilkins, Vaughan	And So-Victoria
Hanley, James	Men in Darkness
McKenna, Stephen	Sonia
Oppenheim, Phillips	Wrath to Come
	Harvey Garrard's Crime
Charteris, Leslie	The Saint Sees It Through
Hendryx, James B.	Courage of the North
De La Roche, Mazo	Return to Jalna
Nash, Anne	Unhappy Rendezvous
Russell, Charlotte Murray	The Bad Neighbor Murder
Cody, Al	Empty Saddles
Knotts, Raymond	Meeting by Moonlight
Marquand, John P.	B. F.'s Daughter
Mason, Van Wyck	Saigon Singer

Children's Books

Author	Title
Crump, Irving	The Cloud Patrol
Dixon, W. Franklin	The Search for the Lost Flyers
	What Happened at Midnight
	The Great Airport Mystery
	Danger Trails of the Sky
	Flying to the Rescue
	Rescued in the Clouds
	The Lone Eagle of the Border
Enright, Elizabeth	The Saturdays
White, William C.	Mouseknees
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	On the Banks of Plum Creek
Haywood, Carolyn	Penny & Peter
Waldeck, Theodore J.	The White Panther
Rhead, Louis	Robin Hood
Bronson, Wilfred S.	The Chisel-Tooth Tribe
Rains, Marie Curtis	Lazy Liza Lizard
Lowe, Corinne	Quicksilver Bob
Bateman, Doris I.	The Secret of Allenby Acres
Hill, Mabel Betsy	The Old House at Duck Light Cove
Moon, Grace	Singing Sands
	American Boy Sports Stories
Bonner, Mary Graham	Something Always Happens
Hooker, Forestine C.	Prince Jan

Author	Title
Gag, Wanda	Tales from Grimm
Wright, Frances F.	Lucy Ellen
Holland, Rupert S.	The Chateau of the Swan
Pease, Howard	The Tattooed Man
Sherman, Edith Bishop	Mistress Madcap
Pease, Howard	The Gypsy Caravan
Lang, Andrew	The Blue Fairy Book
Moon, Grace	Nadita
Pease, Howard	The Jinx Ship
Canfield, Dorothy	Understood Betsy
Black, Irma Simonton	Hamlet, a Cocker Spaniel
Duncombe, Frances	High Hurdles
Streatfield	Ballet Shoes
Gibson, Katharine	Jock's Castle
Tregarthen, Enys	The Doll Who Came Alive
Johnson, Siddie Joe	Debby
Crawford, Phyllis	Hello, the Boat
Davis, Lavinia R.	Hobby Horse Hill
Seaman, Augusta Huiell	The Disappearance of Anne Shaw
D'Aulaire, Ingri & Edgar Parin ..	East of the Sun and West of the Moon
Blackstock, Josephine	Wings for Nikias
Gray, Elizabeth Janet	Merediths' Ann
Darling, Esther Birdsall	Navarre of the North
Knox, Rose B.	Marty & Company
Fleming, Waldo	Talking Drums
Lawson, Marie A.	The Sea Is Blue
Girvan, Helen	Phantom on Skis
Harper, Theodore Acland	Windy Island

Circulation

From Central Library	4380
From Crooks' Corner Branch	1675
From North Branch	795

Regulations

The Free Public Library is open on Friday from 12 noon to 4 p. m., and from 7:00 to 8:00 in the evening (legal holidays excepted when the library is open on Thursday).

The Branch Library at Crooks' Corner in the Community Building is open from 12:30 to 4:30 p. m. and from 7:00 to 8:00 on Fridays.

The North Bellingham Branch in the home of Thelma Lakeman, Hartford Avenue, North Bellingham, is open on Fridays from 2:00 to 4:00 and from 7:00 to 8:00 p. m. .

There is a fine of two cents on each book for every week it is overdue.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Citizens of the Town of Bellingham:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1946.

This report includes the statements required by the General Laws

List of Receipts and Payments, in accordance with the books of the Division of Accounts. Lists of Town Indebtedness. List of Appropriations Made, Amounts. Purposes spent for and unexpended Balance, Unpaid Bills and Balance Sheet of December 31, 1946.

I wish to express my sincere thanks for the assistance and co-operation of the various departments.

FRANCIS G. LOCKLIN, Town Accountant.

Cash Receipts for the Year of 1946

Taxes

1943 Personal	\$169.18	
1944 Poll	36.00	
1944 Real Estate	6,602.46	
1944 Personal	970.52	
1945 Poll	102.00	
1945 Personal	2,324.29	
1945 Real Estate	17,519.51	
1946 Poll	1,732.00
1946 Personal	9,901.35	
1946 Real Estate	98,177.61	

Total Taxes		\$137,534.92
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Water Income

Water Income (meter reading and services)	14,233.12	
Water Meters (deposits)	200.00	
Total Water Income		\$14,433.12

Holdings Accounts

Withholding Tax	4,377.75	
Dog License to County	696.20	
Total Withholdings		\$5,073.95

M V Excise Revenue

M V Excise Revenue	\$5,638.68
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Interest

Interest	855.33	
Demands	28.70	
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Total Interest		\$884.03

Highway Reimbursements

Highway Chap. 90—1945	1,545.16	
Highway Chapter 81—1945	5,274.45	
Highway Chap. 719	4,163.73	
Scotts Curve Repairs	6,208.22	
Highway Chap. 81—1946	6,082.76	
Machinery Revenue	1,422.50	
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Total Highway		\$24,696.82

Loans

Temporary Loans	50,000.00	
Highway Loan	5,000.00	
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Total Loans		\$55,000.00

Tax Title Redps.

Tax Title Redemptions	657.63	
Town Property Sale (Tax Title Poss.)	930.00	
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Total Sales and Redps.		\$1,587.63

Licenses

Pasteurization	10.00
Package store—All liquor	150.00
Restaurant—all liquor.....	900.00
One day beer	4.00
Amusement Fair ground	100.00
Amusement—Circus (2)	75.00
Sunday	64.00
Used Cars Class No. 2	30.00
Used Cars Parts	2.00
Common Victualers	35.00
Confectioners	6.00
Slaughtering	32.00

Club—All liquor	1,400.00
Restaurant—Wine & Beer	450.00
Package—Wine and Beer	400.00
Bowling Allies	2.00
Seasons—All liquor	100.00
Undertaker	1.00
Gasoline Permits	3.00

Total Licenses	\$3,764.00
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School Reimbursements

Mass. School Fund Part 1	4,871.05
Mass. School Fund Part 2	7,052.29
Vocational	103.21
Mass. School Training	114.98
Children Tuition	2,348.46
School Transportation	216.11
School Supt.	1,160.00

Total School Reimbursements	\$15,866.10
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State Incomes

Income Tax	10,142.00
Corp. Business Tax	9,692.96

Total State Incomes	\$19,834.96
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Charities

Support of Indigent Persons	128.60
Old age assistance, U. S.	21,186.76
Old age assistance Adms.	709.69
Aid to Dependent Children, U. S.	1,095.79
Aid to Dependent Children Adms.	29.86
Welfare—Towns	799.00
Old Age Assistance—State	23,326.14
Aid to Dependent Children—State	1,161.97
Old Age Assistance—Towns	510.00
Veterans' Aid	205.00
Temporary Aid—State	3,512.52
Meal Tax—Old Age Assistance	1,828.21

Total Charities	\$54,493.54
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Msc. Receipts

Land Court	180.00	
Sealer of Weights—1945	27.73	
Sealer of Weights—1946	27.10	
Insurance Dividend	6.00	
Fire Damage	150.00	
Water Refund	25.00	
Forest Fire Refund	1.00	
Machinery Refund	11.05	
Old Age Assistance Refund	652.72	
Lighting Damage Refund	22.40	
Perpetual Care Funds	412.50	
Aid to Dependent Children Refund	72.70	
Court Fines	38.00	
Cemetery Trust Refunds	4.72	
Dog License Refund (County)	605.78	
Library Fines	4.75	
Old Age Assistance Trans Refund	54.00	
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Total Msc. Accounts		\$2,295.45
Total Receipts for 1946		\$341,103.20

EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR OF 1946

Moderator		
Appropriation	40.00	
Expenditures:		35.00
Selectmen		
Appropriation	800.00	
Expenditures		
Basil Parsons (Selective Service)	25.00	
Telephone	136.19	
Salaries	450.00	
Tra. Expenses	70.00	
Hobbs & Warren (supplies)	30.70	
E. L. Freeman (supplies)	3.05	
Ruel S. Thayer	12.00	
L. B. Flint, Treas. (association dues)	12.00	
Sentinel Press (supplies)	17.50	
Posting Warrants	18.00	
Typing Warrants	10.00	
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		784.44

Accountant

Appropriation	600.00
Expenditures	
Salary	500.00
Telephone	52.83
Stamps	9.00
Hobbs & Warren	36.17

 600.00
Treasurer

Appropriation	1,200.00
Auditors' Adjustment .....	.51
Expenditures:	
Salary	750.00
Telephone	28.18
Stephen Petrosky (bond)	100.00
E. L. Freeman	18.18
Dues	1.00
Registry of Deeds	3.74
Certifying Deeds	180.00
Hobbs & Warren	2.00
Ruel S. Thayer (postage)	95.34
Auditors' Adjustment .....	.54

 1,178.98
Tax Collector

Appropriation	1,750.00
Expenditures	
Salary	1,000.00
Leo A. Murray—insurance	5.00
R. P. Smith—insurance	41.12
Ocean Star Insurance—bond	150.00
Telephone	41.66
Ruel S. Thayer—postage	160.50
Hobbs & Warren	4.67
Robinson Seal Co.	19.09
E. L. Freeman	1.80
William Potter	45.00
Dues	1.00
Evening Call Publishing Co.	2.24
Leo A. Gosselin	1.50
Registry of Deeds	36.24
Janitor Service	12.00
Collector Exps.	30.00

Woon. Type Co.	24.00
Sentinel Press	76.00

 1,651.81

Assessors

Appropriation 2,365.00

Expenditures:

Clerk	225.00
Salaries & Car Hire	1,786.00
Land Court	1.20
Registry of Deeds	132.85
Dues	6.00
Telephone	37.82
Sentinel Press	17.00
Woon. Type Co.	4.50
Ruel S. Thayer	1.00
Robinson Seal	141.75
Hobbs & Warren	9.23

 2,362.35

Certifying Notes

Appropriation 20.00

Expenditures:

Director of Accounts	4.00
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Town Clerk

Appropriation 750.00

Expenditures:

Salary	500.00
Ruel S. Thayer—postage	12.00
Telephone	31.26
State Secretary	3.10
E. Hale Whitlock—maps	3.10
Robinson Seal—supplies	33.71
Hobbs & Warren—supplies	5.38
E. L. Freeman Co.—supplies	12.95
Ocean Star Ins. Co.—bond	7.50
Clerk Fees	141.00

 750.00

Election & Registration

Appropriation	900.00
Expenditures:	
Election Payrolls	388.75
E. L. Freeman Co.—supplies	6.45
Robinson Seal—supplies	8.95
I. T. U. Printing—voting lists—ballots	153.50
Poll Listings	75.00
Auditors' Adjustments	3.00
Typing Warrants—Election sheets	20.00
Ballot Counters	12.50
Board of Registrars	165.00

833.15

Town Hall

Appropriation	2,500.00
Expenditures:	
Janitor	1,300.00
Telephone	151.73
Water	43.91
Electric	112.56
Leo A. Murray—insurance	191.50
L. F. Thayer—fuel	576.81
Propane Gas	12.05
Boston Janitors Supplies	50.93
Assumption Church—chairs	20.00
Labor Services	14.55
State Wide Decorating Co.	13.00
J. D. Daddario—plumbing	12.50

2499.54

North Community Building Repairs

Appropriation	4,500.00
Expenditures:	
Interstate Construction Co.	2,910.00
Henry Guerin	165.00
Elec. M. & E. Co.—lights	137.00

3,212.00

North Community Building

Appropriation	1,000.00
Expenditures:	
Janitor	260.00
Telephone	3.57

Water	15.00	
John Kirby	36.00	....
Electric	13.26	
E Camp	3.90	
Propane Gas	24.75	
F. Leblanc	10.00	
Interstate Const. Co.	389.50	
Leo A. Murray	98.56	
M & R Block Const. Co.	22.00	
Elec. M & E Co.	120.00	
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		996.54

South Community Building

Appropriation	1,000.00
Expenditures:	
Janitor	260.00
Water	21.96
Telephone	8.68
Electric	60.35
R. P. Smith	51.84
Leo A. Murray	257.81
E. A. Boisclair	1.75
C. Cote	1.87
Pinault Hardware	16.52
Rattie Bros.	6.00
Home Coal Co.	100.47
State Wide Decorating Co.	10.00
Cleaning Hall	16.90
Paul Lataille	160.00

974.15

Police

Appropriation	4,700.00
Expenditures:	
Salary	2,340.00
Telephone	225.54
Special Officers	637.49
Leo A. Murray	127.29
Ruel S. Thayer	9.00
The Fry Fry Co	16.82
E. E. Rivet Co.	4.25
Pellands Service (Gas, Oils)	482.67
Police Ass'n Dues	8.00
C. Rauh	2.75
Legare's Oil Service	12.94

Fred M. Batchelders Co.	75.75
Belleveau Elec. Supply	1.25
L. H. Blackington Co.	1.30
Woon. Nash Co.	18.00
Blake & Reblem Co.	2.20
State Prison	161.50
Craft Neon Signs	7.00
J. B. Farnum Co.	10.41
F. M. Lally Co.	2.65
Pinault Hardware Co.	2.90
Pelland's Service (Radio)	67.10
Town of Franklin (Radio Service)	239.58
Town of Franklin (Lockup Service)	75.00
Grady Instrument	39.46
Alpurite Co.	12.50
Woon. Typewriting Co.	17.50
A. W. Kozimor & Sons	4.00
Social Bargain	4.58
City Hardware Co.	3.98
Dog Officer	50.00
Sec. of Commonwealth	3.00
F. P. Brunelli	4.90
Hervey Defre	16.00
Vedo's Garage	5.20

 4,698.65

Fires

Appropriation	3,200.00
Expenditures:	
Salary chief	1,000.00
Telephone	51.46
Electric	25.62
Callmen	832.40
Wm. White	155.75
S. Petrosky—insurance	145.00
Home Coal Co.	22.89
U. S. Treasury—Civilian Defense equipment	200.00
Am. Fire Equip. Co.	523.78
City Hardware Co.	7.31
Walter's Service Station	125.71
Primeau Auto Service	68.50
A. Brisson	1.75
Scott Hill Garage	3.15
Vater Bros.	21.05
L. F. Thayer & Sons	3.05

C. L. Berry	7.60
Gibbs Oil Co.	1.62

 3,196.64

Forest Fires

Refs.	1.00	
Appropriation		3,000.00
Expenditures:		
Chief Salary	300.00	
Callmen	917.80	
Am. Fire Equip. Co.	896.94	
Pinault Hardware	5.31	
United Paper Co.	72.00	
Farrar Co.	198.85	
Dues	5.00	
Electric	35.53	
Telephone	38.38	
Thomas National Press	18.00	
D. C. Leone & Sons	15.00	
Wm. White	118.00	
Gene's Garage	5.20	
L. F. Thayer & Sons	19.76	
Walter's Service	133.55	
Scott Hill Garage	33.35	
Dahlstrom Auto Service	7.40	
Vater Bros.	37.07	
C. L. Berry	1.78	
S. Chase	1.37	
Stephen Petrosky—insurance	140.00	

 3,000.29

Sealer of Weights

Appropriation	100.00	
Expenditures:		
Salary and Expenses		100.00

Moth Dept.

Appropriation	100.00	
Expenditures:		
Labor	97.50	
Supplies	2.50	

 100.00

Tree Dept.

Appropriation	1,064.00	
Expenditures:		
Salary Warden		300.00
Labor		742.33
Supplies		21.67

1,064.00

Health

Appropriation	1,795.00	
Expenditures:		
Slaughtering Inspector		50.00
Animal Inspector		250.00
Committee Expenses		55.00
A. W. Kozimor		16.00
Craft Neon Signs		12.00
Caretaker Dump		195.00
Labor Dump		46.59
Milford Nursing		600.00
Raymond Bergesson		151.00
A. H. Sweet Co.		1.60
Mac Instrument Co.		1.31
Carrier Mfg. Co.		30.00
Norfolk County Hospital		286.50
Dr. H. Shenker		100.00

1,795.00

Norfolk County Hospital

Appropriation	628.25	
Expenditures:		
County Treasurer		628.25

Highways Chap. 81

Appropriation	6,125.00	
State	10,082.76	
Expenditures:		
Labor		
Material & Supplies		
Machinery		16,207.73

Highway Chap. 90

Appropriation	500.00	
State & County	1,000.00	

Expenditures:

Labor	470.70
Machinery	93.50
Material	935.44

 1,499.64
Bridges & Railings

Appropriation 1,500.00

Expenditures:

Labor	1,097.76
E. E. Rivet	1.25
Geo. Cook	92.56
Geo. Rhodes	113.90
R. Carrier	3.00
Services Sales	27.50
City Hardware	41.30

 1,377.27
Signs & Guideposts

Appropriation 200.00

Expenditures:

A. W. Kozimor	20.00
Craft Neon Signs	12.00
State Prison	7.50
Files & O'Keefe	50.00
R. Rue	5.50

 95.00
Snow Removal

Appropriation 8,110.00

Expenditures:

Files & O'Keefe	24.60
Commodore Steel Co.	43.50
Home Coal Co.	217.00
Rosenfeld Sand Co.	521.41
Labor & Truck Hire	4,434.26
Telephone	47.99
N. E. Road Mach. Co.	1,322.03
A. W. Kozimor	307.50
Walter's Service	788.12
Pelland's Service	23.56
Dyar Sales & Mach. Co.	133.00
C. L. Berry	16.02
Scott Hill Rd. Garage	19.20

Varney Bros. Sand	111.05
L. F. Thayer & Sons	45.61
Dahlstrom Auto Service	3.17

 8,058.02

Irving, Elbow, Trenton, & Central Repairs

Appropriation	1,200.00
Expenditures:	
Labor	1,011.83
Gravel	31.55
Tar	155.38

 1,198.76

Scotts Curve Repairs

Appropriation	3,210.00
State	6,208.22
Expenditures:	
Advertising Bids	15.20
Needham Construction Co.	8,443.18

 8,458.38

Winter St. Repairs

Appropriation	1,000.00
Expenditures	998.61

Stockholm St., Park St., Pleasant St., Repairs

Appropriation	2,000.00
Expenditures:	
Labor	1,479.73
Gravel	428.98
Tar	50.00

 1,958.71

Street Lighting

Appropriation	3,600.00
Expenditures:	
Boston Edison Co.	958.79
Worc. Sub. Elec. Co.	2,119.11

 3,077.90

Printing Town Reports

Appropriation	400.00	
Expenditures:		
Sentinel Press		324.00
Distribution of Books		76.00
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		400.00

Welfare

Appropriation	12,000.00	
Expenditures:		
Board Members		175.00
Board Member Exps.		75.00
Greater Boston Council		8.00
Mass. Dept. Public Welfare		547.50
Ruel S. Thayer		1.48
Cash Payments		4,469.98
Clerk's Salary		1,065.00
Telephone		173.69
Blackstone Valley Gas		16.75
Boston Edison		9.93
Worc. Sub. Elec. Co.		1.36
Dr. Paul Boucher		24.00
Dr. Thomas Fogarty		81.00
Dr. Francis Lally		35.00
Dr. O. J. Plasse		35.00
Dr. J. Reilly		12.00
Dr. Eugene Allen		3.00
Dr. E. F. Smith		27.00
Dr. Harold Shenker		11.00
Dr. F. L. Berry		9.00
Dr. Thomas Lalor		10.00
Dr. G. S. Bossiff		14.00
Dr. Eliceph Beaudreault		14.00
Dr. F. A. Goffrey		6.00
Dr. Henri Gauthier		5.00
Dr. A. Garneau		12.00
Woon. Hospital		47.50
Clafin Hill Home		378.00
Joseph Sargent		137.00
J. Allen Rice Co.		143.02
Milford Nursing		26.00
Pondville Hosp.		3.00
Mass. Eye & Ear Infirmary		1.00
Milford Hosp.		128.50
City of Boston		16.00
Savard & Gallant		176.24

Clark & Shaughnessy	9.90
Hosp. St. Antoine	22.00
Lampman's Drug	2.90
Remillard Bakery	4.76
Charles Cote	491.00
L. F. Thayer & Sons	635.86
Stanley Mostek	68.00
Stanley Chase	129.00
C. L. Berry	88.16
John Michalowski	63.00
Ulysses Dulude	929.50
Public Oil Co.	47.25
Alphonse Carrier	119.59
Ellsworth Crooks	23.50
Lagace Oil Co.	5.05
Phil & Co.	1.50
Drainville & Co.	28.88
Modern Shoe Stores	23.52
Solomon Shoe Co.	10.00
Adelard Leblanc	153.00
Adrien Trudel	234.00
Pasquale Albano	235.22
Theodore Carrier	9.00
James Dolan	5.45
Mrs. Rene Couture	40.10
Town of Milford	699.94
Wright Dept. Store ..	14.53
C. D. Burnett	11.50

11,997.68

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation	2,500.00
Refunds	72.70
U. S.	2,219.88

Expenditures:

Outside Towns	361.64
Stamps	104.00
Office Machine	120.00
Office Supplies	176.55
Clerk's Salary	1,275.00
Cash Payments	54,575.22

56,603.41

Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation	2,500.00	
Refunds	72.70	
U. S.	2,219.88	
Expenditures:		
Cash Payments		3,891.61

Old Age Assistance Adms.

Appropriation Refunds from U. S. .	710.60	
Expenditures:		
Clerk's Traveling Exp.	694.48	

Aid to Dependent Children Adms.

Appropriation, Refunds from U. S.	29.86	
Expenditures:		
Board Members Exps.		29.86

Veterans Services

Appropriation	5,950.00	
Expenditures:		
Cash Payments	2,707.50	
Director Salary	1,020.00	
Director's Traveling Exps.	294.00	
Ruel S. Thayer	8.50	
Ellsworth Crooks	53.00	
Craft Neon Signs	9.75	
L. F. Thayer & Sons	151.10	
Woon. Hosp.	13.00	
Albert Crepeau Press	16.25	
Trudeau Market	10.00	
Dr. H. Shenker	81.50	
Milford Hospital	100.75	
Robinson Seal Co.	4.53	
St. Luke's Hospt.	40.00	
Robert A. Boiteau	78.01	
Dr. N. S. Garrison	50.00	
Dr. R. C. Rocheleau	5.00	
Dr. T. Lalor	12.00	
Savard & Gallant	6.29	
Carlton Gaskill	2.00	
C. L. Berry	120.00	
Roger Rue	17.25	
N. E. Adv. Co.	53.25	
Army Times	10.00	
Dr. J. Askins	75.00	
Louis Henault	12.95	

Dr. H. Helford	20.00
Smith the Shoeman	4.95
Home Coal Co.	22.00
Dr. Francis Lally	5.00
Layden Co-op. Pub. Co.	12.00
Tap Glass Works	31.15
Dr. A. Garneau	11.00
Joseph Spas	9.00
New Process Co.	6.95
Pelland's Service	6.28
Lampman's Drug	6.50

 5,302.23

Vocational

Appropriation	500.00
Expenditures:	
Tuition	231.92
Supplies	262.05

 493.97

Schools

Appropriation	61,000.00
Expenditures:	
Breakdown, see Schools' Report	60,982.21

School Athletic Fund

Appropriation	300.00
Expenditures:	
Referee Service	3.00
Cleaning Uniforms	25.00
Equipment	169.77
Travel Exps. (Teams-Bus Service)	101.71

 299.48

School Safety Devices

Appropriation	1,000.00
Expenditures:	
D. J. Chabot	240.00
Chas. M. Mason	618.00
Theo. Lamoureux	125.00

 983.00

Municipal Athletic Field

Appropriation	500.00	
Expenditures:		
Roller Service		297.50
Labor		168.25
Lumber		8.25
Cutting Grass		22.00
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		496.00

Libraries

Appropriation	950.00	
Expenditures:		
Librarians & Janitor		357.80
Books & Magazines		316.45
Fuel		76.50
Electric		12.00
Insurance		30.73
Truck Hire		20.00
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		813.48

Memorial Day

Appropriation	440.00	
Expenditures:		
Services		170.63
Flowers		131.00
Flags		55.87
Cartridges		65.45
Supplies		1.45
Printing		7.50
Chair Transportation		5.00
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		436.90

Interest

Appropriation	7,000.00	
Expenditures:		
High School Loan		882.50
Water Loans		5,006.17
Relief Loans		116.26
Discounted Interest		236.91
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		6,241.84

Maturing Debt

Appropriation	16,000.00	
Expenditures:		
Loans due during 1946		16,000.00
Revenue Loans Paid		50,000.00
Highway Loan 1945		4,000.00

Damage to Persons

Appropriation	1,300.00	
Expenditures:		
Land Damages	1,045.52	
Medical	176.79	
Labor Adjustment	50.00	
Tra. Service	20.00	
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		1,292.31

Town Counsel

Appropriation	400.00	
Expenditures:		
Legal Services		400.00

Highway Special

Appropriation	1,500.00	....
Expenditures:		
Labor	645.55	
F. M. Lally	20.18	
Telephone	54.45	
Federal Tool & Steel	118.77	
Commodore Steel	121.29	
Service Sales	44.85	
Dyar Sales & Mach. Works	136.24	
A. W. Kozimor	7.50	
R. L. MacDonald	16.40	
Jannell & Sons	312.12	
Vater Bros.	2.56	
R. Carrier (Exp. Chgs.)	1.78	
Varney Bros. Trucking	11.82	
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		1,493.61

Cemeteries

Appropriation	700.00	
Expenditures:		
North		200.00

South	100.00
Center	400.00

700.00

Machinery

Appropriation 4,711.05

Expenditures:

A. W. Kozimor & Sons	173.75
Socony Vacuum Co.	541.21
Walter's Service	2,307.20
Leo A. Murray	140.08
Wm. F. Casey Stores	6.52
Atlantic Oil Refining Co.	178.26
Pelland's Service	271.68
Vater Bros.	82.03
C. L. Berry	22.94
Pinault Hardware Co.	45.21
Dahlstrom Auto Service	445.50
Hogarth Supply	27.00
L. F. Thayer & Sons	17.78
Woon. Supply	21.60
Scott Hill Road Garage	5.75
Curry's Express	2.41
City Hardware Co.	5.06
F. M. Lally	5.25
Lamson Oil Co.	8.30
R. Carrier	22.95
Premeau Auto Service	18.00
Henry Auto Service	18.00
J. C. Holcomb Co.	66.00
Services Repairs	48.21
Am. Chain Link Co.	13.21
Files & O'Keefe	12.50

4,506.40

Unpaid Bills of Prior Years

Appropriation 3,000.00

Expenditures:

Charge to Snow	2,751.33
Water	56.36
Defense	1.60

2,809.29

New Valuation Tax Books

Appropriation	450.00	
Expenditures:		
Sentinel Press		410.00
Distribution of Books		40.00
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		450.00 ⁹

Water Construction Wrentham Street

Appropriation	20,000.00	
Expenditures:		
Travel Expenses		67.50 ⁹
Carrier St. Water Extension		
Appropriation	600.00	
Expenditures:		
Labor		154.75 ⁹

Water

Appropriation	8,925.00	
Expenditures:		
Commissioner's Salary		110.00
Commissioner's Expenses		275.00
Clerk's Salary		250.00
Collector's Expenses		25.00
Collector's Salary		250.00
Janitor Service		12.00
Supt. Salary		2,080.00
Labor		343.75
Telephone		276.44
Leo A. Murray		259.32
Ruel S. Thayer		140.00
L. F. Thayer & Sons		2.70
Walter's Service Station		37.35
Lagace's Oil Service		100.86
Electric		3,124.72
Woon. Supply Co.		138.03
Pelland's Service Station		313.77
Vekeman's		32.50
Seaver Express		3.00
Geo. Caldwell Co.		397.61
Scott Hill Rd. Garage .....		.75
Utilities Supplies Corp.		565.47
Modern Shoe Stores		17.96
A. W. Kozimor & Sons		57.50
Elec. M. & E. Co.		24.73
Woon. Type Co.		8.75
Westinghouse Electric Co.		79.61

B & S Electric Service	1.40
Rhea Trudeau	5.00
Builders Iron Foundry	12.70
Bronze Fittings Co.	3.38
Fred W. Brown	33.00
E. A. Boisclair	3.85
Neptune Meter Co.	23.55
Rapid Machine Works	1.90
Varney Bros. Sand Co.	7.00

 8,918.66

Non-Appropriation Accounts

State Audit	713.90
State Parks	192.15
Real Estate Refund 1946	16.47
Personal Tax 1946	44.50
County Tax	3,190.19
Dog License to County	653.20
Withholding Tax	4,382.35
Cemetery Trust	457.77
Perpetual Care	4.72
Personal Tax Refund 1944	30.20
Est. Receipt Refund, Interest	1.58
Poll Tax 1944 Refund	2.00
State Tax	2,200.00
Poll Tax Refund, 1946	54.00
M V Excise Refund, 1946	23.59
Real Estate Refund, 1945	32.06
Total Expenditures	\$325,840.87

NOTES AND LOANS

	Total Loan	Due 1947
Library & Comm. Bldg, 4½%, Aug. 1, 1947.....	1,000.00	1,000.00
High School Building, 2½%, Feb. 1, 1947.....	30,000.00	3,000.00
Municipal Relief 1939, 2¾%, Nov. 1, 1947.....	1,000.00	500.00
Water Bonds, W. P. A., 2¾%, March 1, 1947.....	40,000.00	2,000.00
Water Bonds, P. W. A., 2½%, March 1, 1947....	151,000.00	7,000.00
Municipal Relief 1941, July 1, 1947	1,000.00	1,000.00
Municipal Relief 1941, Dec. 1, 1947.....	1,000.00	500.00
Totals	\$225,000.00	\$15,000.00
Highway Loan 1946 (to be paid from State & County Reimbursements)	5,000.00	

TRANSFERS VOTED AT REGULAR AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS

E & D To	\$10,000.00	
Water Construction Wrentham St.		\$10,000.00
Regular Town Meeting, March 7, 1946		
E & D To	14,610.00	
New Tax Books		450.00
Stockholm, Pleasant, & Park, Repairs		2,000.00
Forest Fires		1,000.00
Veterans Services		950.00
No. Com. Bldg. Repairs		3,000.00
Tree		400.00
Snow		600.00
New Trucks (Highway)		4,500.00
Machinery		1,500.00
Scotts Curve Repairs		210.00
Special Town Meeting, July 8, 1946		
E & D To	8,890.00	
Carrier Ave., Water Const.		600.00
Mann St. Water Const.		500.00
Water		2,400.00
Old Age Assistance		3,200.00
Memorial Day		40.00
Snow		500.00
Library		150.00
No. Bell. Comm. Repairs		1,500.00
Special Town Meeting, Oct. 28, 1946		
Machinery Revenue To	1,200.00	
Machinery		1,200.00
Street Lighting, To	495.00	
Health		495.00
Interest to	700.00	
Fires		700.00
Special Town Meeting, Dec. 2, 1946		

UNPAID BILLS ON HAND OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

Water	\$431.78
Machinery	322.63
Snow	205.57
Fires	331.40
Assessors	116.67
Welfare	597.85
Health	93.00
Street Lighting	196.35

TRIAL BALANCE**December 31, 1946**

Cash	\$ 30,873.45	
Counterfeit Money	10.00	
Donat LaPlante, Treas.	78.30	
Real Estate 1944	64.80	
Poll Tax 1945	2.00	
Poll Tax 1946		8.00
Personal Tax 1945	359.77	
Real Estate Tax, 1945	4,881.36	
Personal Tax, 1946	2,695.54	
Real Estate 1946	19,289.67	
M V Excise Tax 1946	367.50	
M V Excise Tax Revenue		367.50
Tax Titles	5,319.71	
Tax Titles Revenue		5,319.71
Tax Titles Possessions	7,604.79	
Tax Titles Possessions Revenue		7,604.79
Water Meters Deposits		260.00
Water Rates & Charges	2,752.97	
Water Revenue		2,572.97
Temporary Aid	195.00	
Aid to Dep. Child.	566.13	
Old Age Assistance (Cities & Towns)	2,613.88	
Old Age Assistance (State)	2,095.31	
Military Aid	285.00	
Departmental Revenue		5,755.32
Old Age Assistance Recovery		541.96
Tailings		397.74
Income Withholding Tax		1,246.35
Cemetery Trust Fund Exp.		32.50
Dog County Licenses		65.40
Overlay Surplus		1,815.78
Overlay 1942	31.20	
Overlay 1944		2,424.58
Overlay 1945		1,840.12
Overlay 1946		1,471.83
County Tax 1946	81.18	
Tax Title Foreclosive Exps.		780.00
State Parks 1946	72.06	
Estate of R. Sullivan Revenue		666.75
Estate of R. Sullivan Revenue		666.75
Snow Fund Excess 1945		20.51
Overdrafts 1943	505.60	
County Dog License Refund		5.78
North Community Building Repairs		1,288.00
Scotts Curve Repairs		959.84

Aid to Dep. Child. U. S.	781.43	
Old Age Assistance U S	1,729.81	
Old Age Adms.	16.12	
Libraries	136.52	
Water Construction Wrentham St.	19,932.50	
Machinery	402.08	
New Trucks (Highway)	4,500.00	
Carrier Ave. Water Construction	445.25	
Mann Street Water Construction	500.00	
Excess & Deficiency Account	17,342.83	
Total	\$81,231.97	\$81,231.97

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS—TOWN OF BELLINGHAM
Paid A. E. Brown for Care in 1946

Name	Deposited	Paid	Avail- able for 1947
D. Adams	\$100.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
Z. Bullard	100.00	2.00	2.00
A. P. Eaton	50.00	1.00	1.00
B. Benedict	40.00	.80	.80
S. Holbrook	100.00	2.00	2.00
L. A. Cook	25.00	.50	.50
P. Bryant	100.00	2.00	2.00
M. Metcalf	100.00	2.00	2.00
P. Partridge	30.00	.60	.60
C. Norcross	50.00	1.00	1.00
J. and A. P. Drake	200.00	2.00	4.00
A. H. Holbrook	100.00	2.00	2.00
G. D. Rockwood	100.00	2.00	2.00
J. Drake and W. Howes	100.00	2.00	2.00
A. W. Wales	100.00	2.00	2.00
V. Coombs	50.00	1.00	1.00
E. Dewing	50.00	1.00	1.00
Jarvis Cook	50.00	1.00	1.00
Eldridge Grant	100.00	3.00	4.50
Joseph Rockwood	100.00	4.00	2.70

Paid to William Wales

Name	Deposited	Paid	Avail- able for 1947
Charles Mason	\$200.00		\$21.09
Avery Cook	200.00		23.01

H. M. Cook	50.00		2.17
Nathan Cook	100.00		4.33
Hiram Crooks	100.00		4.44
Phoebe Sherman	100.00		4.76
C. W. Thayer	50.00		2.00
Willard Thayer	50.00		2.12
Marion A. White	50.00		2.26
Inez Bolton	50.00	1.00	2.20
Marcus Crooks	50.00		2.20
E. Barber	30.00		2.10
E. L. Cook	500.00		12.01
Charlot R. Wilcox	200.00	2.00	4.00
Edgar Scott	50.00		1.00

Paid to James Yates

Name	Deposited	Paid	Available for 1947
Nathan Rockwood	\$50.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Henry M. Rockwood	50.00	1.00	1.00
Eugene Webber	100.00	2.00	2.00
Sarah R. Drake	50.00	1.00	1.00
Eliab Holbrook	100.00	2.00	2.00
Edward H. and Walter Thayer	100.00	3.00	2.00
Lavina Taft	50.00	1.00	1.00
A. M. Clark	30.00	.60	.60
Amos Keach	50.00	1.00	1.00
Alonzo N. Whitney	100.00	2.80	2.00
Charles P. Hancock	40.00	3.89	2.00
Lezzie A. Graves	100.00	5.00	16.79
Albert A. Hancock	100.00	2.00	2.00
Nathan Grant	60.00	1.20	1.20
Sullivan Bates	50.00	1.00	1.00
Thompson Thayer	25.00	3.00	13.32
Joseph Burr	10.00	3.00	2.00
George W. Blake	100.00	2.00	2.00
Irving Rhodes	70.00	1.40	1.40
Oliver W. Gardner	25.00	.50	.50
Sabra J. Clark	50.00	1.00	1.00
Alvin Clark	50.00	1.00	1.00
William Thompson and Charles Cook	50.00	1.00	1.00
Addison Burr	50.00	1.02	1.00
Orlando Clark	250.00	5.00	5.00
Eli Pond	25.00	.50	.50
Daniel Pickering	25.00	.50	.50
Samuel Darling	50.00	1.00	1.00
Emma Chilson	100.00	2.00	2.00

C. L. Cushman, F. A. Smith and J. H. Eames...	125.00	2.50	2.50
Adam Joslin and Richard Briggs	50.00	1.00	1.00
Ellis Lindskog	50.00	1.00	1.00
Charles F. Farrington	75.00	1.50	1.50
Olive Cushman	50.00	1.00	1.00
Calvin R. Rockwood	100.00	2.00	2.00
Benjamin E. Marble	50.00	1.00	1.00
Edwin Mignault	50.00	2.50	1.00
Martin Rockwood	50.00	1.00	1.00
Ira Fisk	50.00	1.00	1.00
Fred Sherburn	50.00	1.00	1.00
Warren Lazell	37.50	.75	.75
George Nelson	25.00		1.50
Henry Young, Charles and George Thayer	100.00	1.50	2.00
Albert G. Burr	40.00	.80	.80
Horatio Thayer	100.00	2.00	2.00
William O. Rhodes	40.00	.80	.80
Aron Farrington	25.00	.50	.50
Milton Holbrook	50.00	1.00	1.00
Henry Whitney	75.00	2.00	1.50
James A. Richardson	50.00	1.00	1.00
Adelbert Spalding	25.00	1.00	.50
Mrs. Joseph Fisk	50.00	1.00	1.00
Dexter Whitney	75.00	5.00	6.96
Edwin Darling	50.00	1.00	1.00
George Sherburn	75.00	1.50	1.50
Dianna D. Spooner	75.00	1.50	1.50
Caleb Adams	75.00	1.50	1.50
Joseph Cross	50.00	1.00	1.00
David G. Jones	100.00	2.00	2.00
George A. Ellis	200.00	2.00	2.00
William S. Clark	100.00	4.50	2.50

The following amounts are deposited in Savings Bank in Special Accounts, the interest being added to the original amount on deposit, but is not available for use until accumulative date is reached.

Stephen A. Coombs	25.00	
	To accumulate until 1952	
Jessie Coombs	25.00	
	To accumulate until 1952	
Oak Hill Cemetery	500.00	
	To accumulate until 1977	

The records and Bank Books of the Cemetery Trust Funds are available for inspection any time at the Town Treasurer's Office.

Respectfully submitted,

DONAT LAPLANTE,

Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Water Commissioners organized on March 9, 1946, the Monday after Election. Mr. Rodolf Beauregard was elected Chairman, and Mr. William Gaudette was elected collector for the Water Department, Mr. Otto Meotti was renamed Superintendent of the water system, and Mr. Ellsworth Crooks was appointed clerk of the Water Department. The Water Department was requested to install 40 new services during 1946, 31 of which were completed and the remainder were very nearly completed. The board has already requests for 25 new services during 1947, and expect at least another 25 during the year.

The Wrentham Street water mains are over one-half completed, and it is expected that this project will be completed in the near future. This project would have been completed in the early summer of 1946 if there had not been a shortage of pipe and other supplies.

The Water Commissioners wish at this time to express their appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, and other town officials, and to the townspeople for their help and consideration during the year of 1946.

RODOLPH BEAUREGARD, Chairman
WILLIAM GAUDETTE, Collector
TIMOTHY A. RIORDAN

Board of Water Commissioners.

January 1, 1947

Bellingham Water Commissioners:

I hereby submit my report for the collection of water accounts during the period of January 1, 1946, to December 1, 1946.

Debit

Auditor's Adjustment	\$ 233.12
Balance Dec. 31, 1945	2,995.60
Warrants Jan. 1, 1946	3,059.14
April 1, 1946	3,091.65
July 1, 1946	3,456.10
Oct. 1, 1946	3,533.68
Services and opening of water	799.45
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	\$17,168.74

Credit

Paid Treasurer	\$14,233.12
Abatements	312.65
Balance	2,572.97
Auditor's Adjustment	50.00

\$17,168.74

Meter Warrant	\$240.00
Cash Received and Paid Treasurer	\$200.00
Abatement	10.00
Balance	30.00

\$240.00

TIMOTHY A. RIORDAN
WILLIAM GAUDETTE

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Citizens and the Moderator of Bellingham:

Immediately upon organization, your Finance Committee adopted the following principles:

1. That the interests of the taxpayers predominate all our deliberations.
2. That every effort must be brought to bear toward a prudent use of the taxpayers' monies by all departments of the town.
3. That all the citizens be frequently informed of the conduct and state of their town's affairs.

All articles in town meeting warrants were seriously considered. Never during the year was your committee afforded sufficient time for thorough investigations relative to warrant articles.

We suggest that sponsors of articles present copies to the Finance Committee at the time they are submitted to the Selectmen for inclusion in a warrant. Doing so would provide several extra days for your committee's consideration, thus making a more comprehensive recommendation possible.

It is recommended that the Selectmen include in the warrant for every Annual Town Meeting, an article worded as follows: "To choose any Committee and hear the report of any Committee; or act or do anything in relation thereto." The right of the citizens and taxpayers to question procedures is thereby protected.

Your Committee finds that the existing headquarters of the town's Police Department, located at Silver Lake, is too remote to be conducive to the maximum possible protection of the lives and property of the inhabitants. It is recommended that the Selectmen be petitioned for an immediate correction of this most serious matter.

Careful perusal of the tax book of 1946 reveals numerous instances of unequitable assessments indicative of a too elastic valuation policy on the part of the Board of Tax Assessors, resulting in considerable tax revenue loss to the town.

We recommend the appointment of a committee to consider the employment of some firm of expert appraisers to revalue all real estate in the town.

Your committee proposes to confine itself to recommendations of only the broadest scope in the Annual Town Report. Periodic specific reports and recommendations will be issued in bulletin form, or through the press, if possible. Departmental budget and article recommendations for the Annual Town Meeting will be published and made available to the voters in pamphlet form. We believe that method will provide the most convenient ready reference at the March meeting.

The acceptance by the town of the first set of by-laws in Bellingham's history was the culmination of our major effort of the year. Your Finance Committee of the year 1946 is pleased to go on record as the successful proponent of this most vital implement to the sound conduct of the town's affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDOR DE JONY, Chairman
HERBERT HANNAH, Secretary
JOSEPH I. TAYLOR
ANATOLE DEBIGARE
HERBERT T. HERTZ
HENRY FORGET

The Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I submit my report as tree warden for the year 1946.

Trimming has been done on the following streets: Wrentham, Paine, Lake, Luke, Pulaski Blvd., South Main, Depot, and a part of Hartford Ave. and Maple St.

The sum of \$1064 appropriated for tree warden was spent as follows:

Salary, \$300.00
Labor, \$742.23
Supplies, \$21.67.

Yours truly,

SYLVIO DALPE,

Tree Warden.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

January 8, 1947.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

As Chief of the Fire Department and Forest Fire Warden, I hereby wish to submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1946.

Alarms answered by the fire apparatus are as follows:

Forest and brush	63
Building fires	12
Chimney fires	6
Automobile fires	4

Out of town fires	2
Dump fires	2
Oil stove fires	3
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Total alarms	90

The number of alarms responded to this year was much higher than that of other years. There were, however, no serious forest fires, but we did have a few serious building fires.

Company No. 2 has again done good work in keeping the fires at the Center under control, and the North.

I wish at this time to express thanks to the Fire Departments of our neighboring towns and cities for the valuable assistance they rendered during the past year. I also wish to thank the Board of Selectmen for the splendid co-operation they have given me.

Respectfully submitted,

WASYL KORNICKI,

Chief of the Fire Department.

REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

At a special Town Meeting held July 8, 1946, the Moderator was authorized to appoint a committee of three for the purpose of compiling by-laws for the town.

On September 13, 1946, the Moderator announced the appointment of your committee, and intensive work was begun immediately.

Extensive survey and inquiry resulted in a set of basic by-laws deemed adequate for submission to the citizens.

Publication in pamphlet form and distribution was made possible through the generous interest of numerous citizens of the town. Necessary legal service was likewise provided. Incidental costs were borne by your committee.

At the special meeting of October 28, 1946, acceptance of the by-laws as submitted was voted. On reconsideration before adjournment the vote was rescinded. Final unquestioned acceptance was voiced at a subsequent special meeting held on December 2, 1946.

Official approval by the Attorney General's office of your by-laws is on record as of December 30, 1946.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH I. TAYLOR, Chairman
HERBERT HANNAH
ANDOR DE JONY

**REPORT OF AN AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE TOWN
OF BELLINGHAM FOR THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 20, 1945,
TO APRIL 25, 1946**

Made in Accordance With the Provisions of Chapter 44,

General Laws

August 22, 1946

To the Board of Selectmen,
Mr. Walter P. Lewinski, Chairman,
Bellingham, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Bellingham for the period from March 20, 1945, to April 25, 1946, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS X. LANG,
Director of Accounts.

Mr. Francis X. Lang,
Director of Accounts,
Department of Corporations and Taxation,
State House, Boston.

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Bellingham for the period from March 20, 1945, the date

of the previous audit, to April 25, 1946, and submit the following report thereon:

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked. The receipts as recorded were checked with the available departmental records and with the treasurer's books, while the payments were compared with the treasurer's warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds.

The ledgers were analyzed, the appropriation accounts were checked with the amounts voted by the town as shown on the town clerk's record of town meetings, and the transfers from the reserve fund were compared with the amounts authorized by the finance committee, while other accounts were checked with the records of the various departments in which the transactions originated.

It was noted that the balances in the old age assistance and aid to dependent children appropriations were transferred to the Federal grants accounts for these purposes at the close of the year 1945, in which connection it is recommended that the Federal grants received be expended in accordance with Section 7, Chapter 413, and Section 7, Chapter 436, Acts of 1936, and that any unexpended balance in the town appropriations at the end of the year be transferred to surplus revenue.

A trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on April 25, 1946.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds and with the town accountant's books.

The cash book was footed, and the cash balance April 25, 1946, was verified by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit and by actual count of cash in the office.

Considerable difficulty was experienced in reconciling the treasurer's cash balance, due to the fact that no true reconciliation of the bank balances has been made by the treasurer since the previous audit and to the numerous errors and omissions in entering receipts and payments on his cash book. It was also necessary, in order to recon-

cile the bank balances with the statements furnished by the banks of deposit, to add the check register and to compare the cancelled checks with the warrants for the entire period covered by the audit, which work added materially to the cost of the audit.

It is recommended that the treasurer's cash balance be reconciled at least monthly and that a permanent record be kept of each reconciliation.

The payments of debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The savings bank books representing the investment of the cemetery trust funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed, the income being proved and the withdrawals verified.

The records of tax titles held by the town were examined. The additions to the tax title account were compared with the collector's records, the reported redemptions were checked with the receipts as recorded on the treasurer's cash book, and the tax title deeds as listed were checked with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The poll, property, and motor vehicle excise taxes outstanding at the time of the previous examination and recommitted to the present collector, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and reconciled with the assessors' warrants. The payments to the treasurer were checked to the treasurer's cash books, the recorded abatements were compared with the assessors' record of abatements granted, the transfers to the tax title account were checked with the treasurer's records of tax titles held by the town, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the respective ledger accounts.

Verification of the outstanding tax accounts were made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts as listed are correct.

The records of dog and sporting licenses issued by the town clerk were examined and checked, the recorded payments to the treasurer and to the State being verified by comparison with the treasurer's books and with receipts on file.

The surety bonds of the town officials required by law to be bonded were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of water accounts receivable were examined and checked. The accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination and all subsequent commitments were audited and proved. The payments to the treasurer were verified by comparison with the treasurer's cash book, the abatements were checked with the water commissioners' record of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the town accountant's ledger.

Further verification of the outstanding water accounts was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts as listed are correct.

In the examination of the water accounts it was noted that there were a number of outstanding accounts, some of which date as far back as July, 1942, in which connection it is recommended that a determined effort be made to enforce their collection.

It was further noted that although the town had voted at a special meeting held November 23, 1942, to accept the provisions of Section 42A to 42F, Chapter 40, General Laws, as amended, no action has been taken to force the collection of water charges by establishing water liens.

The records of licenses and permits issued by the selectmen, of the receipts of the sealer of weights and measures, as well as the records of all other departments collecting money for the town, were examined, checked, and reconciled with the treasurer's and the accountant's books.

It is recommended that payments by the sealer of weights and measures to the treasurer be made monthly in accordance with the provisions of Section 34, Chapter 98, General Laws.

In checking the paid vouchers on file it was noted that there were a number of bills on which the town had failed to take advantage of the cash discounts offered for prompt payment.

It was further noted that an invoice dated January 2, 1946, for two snow plows with accessories totaling \$1,143.35, was paid January 28, 1946, and charged to the appropriation for snow removal. In this connection it is recommended that a specific appropriation be voted for all purchases of major equipment.

It is also recommended that no vouchers be placed on the warrant for payment unless they contain sufficient detail to determine their correctness.

In addition to the balance sheet referred to, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the cash of the treasurer and tax collector, together with summaries of the tax, tax title, departmental, and water accounts, as well as tables showing the trust fund transactions.

For the co-operation extended by the various town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Assistant Director of Accounts.

BALANCE SHEET

TOWN OF
Balance Sheet —
GENERAL

Assets

Cash:		
In Banks and Office		\$31,115.96
Counterfeit Money Received by Former Treasurer		10.00
Donat LaPlante, Treasurer,		
(Tax Title Redeemed for Less Than Book Value)		78.30
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1943:		
Personal Property	\$ 19.80	
Real Estate	112.20	
		\$132.00
Levy of 1944:		
Personal Property	\$ 383.36	
Real Estate	4,437.38	
		4,820.74
Levy of 1945:		
Poll	\$ 32.00	
Personal Property	1,801.39	
Real Estate	12,373.12	
		14,206.52
Levy of 1946:		
Poll		1,496.00
		20,655.26
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
Levy of 1944	\$ 10.60	
Levy of 1945	90.28	
Levy of 1946	1,036.52	
		1,137.40
Taxes on Estates of		
Deceased Persons		666.75
Tax Titles		4,826.82
Tax Possessions		8,534.79
Departmental:		
Temporary Aid	\$ 195.00	
Aid to Dependent Children	566.13	
Old Age Assistance	6,551.70	
Military Aid	285.00	
		7,597.83
Water Rates and Charges		6,132.09
Revenue 1946:		
Appropriations Voted	\$213,252.25	

BELLINGHAM**April 25, 1946****ACCOUNTS****Liabilities and Reserves****Temporary Loans:**

In Anticipation of Revenue 1946	\$50,000.00
Federal Withholding Taxes	360.20
Dog Licenses—Due County	78.00
Water Meter Deposits	60.00
Tailings—Reserve for Unclaimed Checks	397.74
Old Age Assistance Recovery	541.96
Highway Machinery Fund	166.93
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds Income	32.50

Federal Grants:

Aid to Dependent Children:—	
Aid	\$1,248.29
Old Age Assistance:	
Administration	\$.91
Assistance	6,869.88
	6,870.79
	8,119.08
Appropriation Balances	128,664.71
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	1,815.78

Overlays Reserved for Abatements:

Levy of 1944	\$2,441.06
Levy of 1945	1,887.84
	4,328.90

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$1,137.40
Taxes on Estates of	
Deceased Persons	666.75
Tax Title	4,826.82
Tax Possession	8,534.79
Departmental	7,597.83
Water	6,132.09
	28,895.68

Overestimate 1945:—

State Parks and Reservations	
Assessment	28.63
Surplus Revenue	40,887.44

Less:			
Estimated Receipts Collected			
to Date	\$28,501.22		
Poll Taxes Committed	2,104.00		
		30,605.22	
			182,647.03
Underestimate 1945:			
County Tax			198.38
Overlay Deficits:			
Levy of 1942	\$ 52.80		
Levy of 1943	60.54		
Levy of 1946	158.00		
			271.34
Overdrawn Accounts:			
Public Welfare 1943	\$ 60.00		
W.P.A. 1943	445.60		
			505.60
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			\$264,377.55
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	DEBT
Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$229,000.00

\$229,000.00

	TRUST
Trust Funds, Cash and Securities	\$8,678.96

\$264,377.55

ACCOUNTS

High School Loan	\$30,000.00
Library and Community Building Loan	2,000.00
Municipal Relief Loans	6,000.00
Water Loans	191,000.00

\$229,000.00

ACCOUNTS

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	\$8,678.96
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WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ELECTION, 1947**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham: Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in Precinct No. 1, at the Schoolhouse in Precinct No. 2, and at the Community Building in Precinct No. 3, on

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1947

for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes upon one ballot to the election officials for the following Town Officers:

MODERATOR, for a term of one year.

TOWN CLERK, for a term of one year.

THREE SELECTMEN, for a term of one year.

ASSESSOR OF TAXES, for a term of three years.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES, for a term of one year.

WATER COMMISSIONER, for a term of three years.

TWO SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS, for a term of three years.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE MEMBER, for a term of three years.

TREE WARDEN, for a term of one year.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEMBER, for a term of three years.

TWO LIBRARY TRUSTEES, for a term of three years.

FOUR CONSTABLES, for a term of one year.

Also to bring in their votes upon the following question:

"Shall the provisions of section forty of chapter seventy-one of the General Laws, as amended, relative to equal pay for men and women teachers, be in force in this town?"

POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT 12:00 NOON AND CLOSE AT 8:00 P. M.

SUBSEQUENT MEETING

And also to meet in the Town Hall in said Bellingham, on

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 1947

at 8:00 P. M., then and there to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To hear the reports of the several town officers and town departments; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To vote and raise appropriations for the following purposes, or act or do anything in relation thereto:

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| Item 1. Moderator | Item 26. Snow Removal and Sanding |
| Item 2. Finance Committee | Item 27. Signs-Guideboards |
| Item 3. Selectmen's Department | Item 28. Street Lighting |
| Item 4. Accountant's Department | Item 29. Machinery Account |
| Item 5. Treasurer's Department | Item 30. Public Welfare |
| Item 6. Tax Collector's Dept. | Item 31. Old Age Assistance |
| Item 7. Assessors' Department | Item 32. Aid to Dependent Children |
| Item 8. Certifying Notes | Item 33. Veterans' Services |
| Item 9. Town Clerk's Dept. | Item 34. Memorial-Armistice Day |
| Item 10. Elections-Registration | Item 35. School Department |
| Item 11. Town Hall | Item 36. Vocational Training |
| Item 12. North Bellingham Community Building | Item 37. School Athletics |
| Item 13. South Bellingham Community Building | Item 38. Water Department |
| Item 14. Police Department | Item 39. Cemeteries |
| Item 15. Fire Department | Item 40. Town Reports |
| Item 16. Forest Fires | Item 41. Town Counsel |
| Item 17. Sealer of Weights-Measures | Item 42. Damages to Property-Injuries to Persons |
| Item 18. Tree Warden | Item 43. Municipal Athletic Field |
| Item 19. Moth Extermination | Item 44. Maturing Debt |
| Item 20. Health Department | Item 45. Interest |
| Item 21. Norfolk County Hospital | Item 46. Reserve Fund |
| Item 22. Highways, Chapter 81 | Item 47. Library Department |
| Item 23. Highways, Chapter 90 | Item 48. Unpaid bills of prior years. |
| Item 24. Highways, General | |
| Item 25. Bridges and Railings | |

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1948, and to issue note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of Lake Street between Cross Street and McCarthy's Corner, so-called; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of tarring Lake Street between

Pulaski Blvd. and Wrentham Street; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of a new heating plant in the South School; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of improving a proposed 200 ft. extension of Norfolk Street; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of Pickering Avenue; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of Pothier Street between Westminster Ave. and Linwood Avenue; the improvement of Spring Street, and First Ave. in Charles River Grove, and the improvement of Trenton Street between Central Blvd. and Hunt Street; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee to investigate the advisability of constructing a new sidewalk along Hartford Avenue, from Maple Street to Caryville; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee to investigate the surface drainage conditions in the section bounded by Westminster Avenue and Peter's River; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept Carrier Street as laid out on a plan dated December, 1946, and running from Pulaski Boulevard to the Blackstone Town Line; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650.00, said money to be paid out to Highway employees in the form of a cost-of-living bonus, provided said employees were carried on regular highway payrolls; the rate of such bonus being ten cents per hour, retroactive to October 1, 1946, and terminating March 8, 1947; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will instruct the Board of Selectmen to increase the wages of the highway employees fifteen (.15) cents per hour, said rates to become effective on March 10, 1947, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To choose any Committee and hear the report of any Committee; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies of said warrant at all designated places, at least seven days before the date of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make a due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the clerk of said town.

Given under our hands at Bellingham this third day of February, 1947.

WALTER P. LEWINSKI
EDGAR WADE
LEO A. GOSSELIN

Selectmen of Bellingham.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY 1946-1947

School Committee

Name		Term Expires
Lionel R. Trudeau, Chairman	South Bellingham	1949
Abbey E. Fagan	North Bellingham	1948
Bertrand Z. Remillard, Secretary	South Bellingham	1947
David L. Tuttle	South Bellingham	1949
Kathryn E. Garriepy	Bellingham Center	1947

Superintendent of Schools

Percy L. Rowe, Ed. M. Office: Bellingham Center School. The Superintendent may be seen at any time by appointment.
Telephone: Milford 152-4.

List of Teachers

HIGH SCHOOL

Name	Where Educated	Degree or Yrs. Attended	Subjects	Began
Edward F. Collins, Principal	Northeastern University	B. B. A.	Psychology; Speech	1941
Harold J. Granger	Worcester Technical	B. S.	Mathematics; Science	1938
James J. Keough	Providence College	A. B.	Business Administration; Phy. Ed.	1936
M. Louise Ballou	Emmanuel College	A. B.	English	1944
Lottie Wanigel	Colby College	A. B.	Latin	1945
Mary Addante	Fitchburg S. T. College	B. S. E.	Mathematics; Science	1944
Stasia Kaczor	R. I. State College	B. S.	Home Eco.; Geography; Phy. Ed.	1945
Joan Svenson	Emmanuel College	A. B.	Commercial Education	1945
Yvett A. Ledoux	R. I. College of Education	B. S. E.	Social Science	1946
Jeanne F. Mathieu (Resigned)	Regis College	B. S.	Commercial Education	1944

SOUTH BELLINGHAM SCHOOL

Name	Where Educated	Degree or Yrs. Attended	Subjects	Began Service
Theodore Finnerty, Principal	Boston College	M. A.	Grade 6	1943
Elizabeth Sullivan	Worcester S. T. College	B. S. E.	Grade 5	1942
Mildred Trafton	Gorham Normal School	2	Grade 4	1929
Agnes Totter	Perry Kindergarten Normal	3	Grade 3	1944
Gertrude Worrall (Substitute)	Hyannis S. T. College	Summer	Grade 2	1945
Margaret Haine (Substitute)	Perry Kindergarten Normal	3	Grade 1	1944
Lucille Riley (Resigned)	R. I. College of Education	Ed. B.	Grade 3	1945
Alice Stacey (Resigned)	Salem S. T. College	B. S. E.	Grade 2	1945
Phyllis Lacouture (Resigned)	Clark University	A. B.	Grade 1	1945

BELLINGHAM CENTER SCHOOL

Anthony Minichiello, Principal	Holy Cross	A. B.	Grade 5-6	1945
Marie Lally (Substitute)	Bridgewater S. T. College	2	Grade 3-4	1945
Eleanor Smith (Substitute)	Hyannis S. T. College	2	Grade 1-2	1945
Mary Cassidy (Resigned)	Worcester S. T. College	2	Grade 5-6	1943

NORTH SCHOOL

Clara Macy, Principal	Summer Sessions, Hyannis	18 weeks	Grade 3-4	1913
Laura C.ancy (Substitute)	Framingham S. T. College	2	Grade 5-6	1945
Isbella Murphy	Regis College	A. B.	Grade 1-2	1936

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Harold L. Shenker, M. D.	Medway, Mass.
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SCHOOL NURSES

Helen C. Grady, R. N., SupervisorMilford District Nursing Association
 Grace Moran, R. N., AssistantMilford District Nursing Association
 Telephone: Milford 862

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

The janitor of each building an the superintendent of schools.

TRANSPORTATION AGENTS

Johnson Bus Lines, Inc.High School, Scott Hill, Rakeville, North and Center Route

JANITORS

Henry LemireSouth Bellingham
 Samuel DeRagonSouth Bellingham
 Carlton GaskillBellingham Center
 William McMahonNorth Bellingham
 Jeremiah O'Rourke (Deceased)North Bellingham

CALENDAR FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1947 TO JUNE 1948 HIGH SCHOOL

Open January 2, 1947	Close February 14, 1947
Open February 24, 1947	Close April 18, 1947
Open April 28, 1947	Close June 20, 1947
Graduation June 19, 1947	Commencement June 20, 1947
Open September 3, 1947	Close December 19, 1947
Open January 5, 1948	Close February 20, 1948
Open March 1, 1948	Close April 16, 1948
Open April 26, 1948	Close June 24, 1948

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Open January 2, 1947	Close February 14, 1947
Open February 24, 1947	Close April 18, 1947
Open April 28, 1947	Close June 13, 1947
Open September 3, 1947	Close December 19, 1947
Open January 5, 1948	Close February 20, 1948
Open March 1, 1948	Close April 16, 1948
Open April 26, 1948	Close June 17, 1948

HOLIDAYS

Memorial Day	May 30, 1947
Columbus Day	October 12, 1947
Armistice Day	November 11, 1947
Thanksgiving Recess	November 27-28, 1947

AGE OF ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

Any child who becomes six years of age on or before January 1st of the year following the term when he wishes to enter school may be admitted into the first grade, but in every case the admission of a child under six shall be dependent upon the fitness of the child to profit by the work of the school, such fitness to be determined by the Superintendent. Pupils under seven years of age who have not previously attended school shall not be permitted to enter later than thirty days after the opening of school in September.

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

The no-school signal will be broadcast at exactly 7:00, 7:15 and 7:30 over WWON in Woonsocket. Also during the 7:15, 7:30 and 7:45 broadcast over WNAC, WBZ, and WEAN. If there is no school in the morning, there shall be none in the afternoon.

In the event that schools do not close on any particularly bad day (rain, snow, cold, or other severe weather) parents are requested to use their own judgment in regard to sending their children to school.

FINANCIAL REPORT**For the Year Ending December 31, 1946**

General Appropriation	\$61,000.00
Total Expenditures	60,982.21
Unexpended Balance	<u>\$17.79</u>

Reimbursements

General School Fund, Part I	4,871.05
General School Fund, Part II	7,052.29
Superintendent's Salary—Transportation	1,160.00
State Wards: Tuition—Transportation	2,564.57
Training School: State Wards	114.98
Vocational Education	103.21
Total Reimbursements	<u>\$15,866.10</u>

Taxation Cost of Schools

Total Expenditures	\$60,982.21
Total Reimbursements	15,866.10
Net Cost by Taxation	<u>\$45,116.11</u>

Expenditures

School Committee Expense	280.68
Superintendent's Salary	1,655.82
Superintendent's Expense	371.04
Supervisors' Salaries	520.00
Teachers' Salaries	35,104.98
Textbooks	1,035.68
School Supplies	1,483.66
Janitors' Wages	5,541.20
Fuel	3,494.28
Janitors' Supplies	734.84
Water	178.43
Electricity	702.61
Telephone	99.86

Repairs of Buildings	1,211.86	
Health Service	740.48	
Transportation	6,500.00	
New Equipment	55.00	
Evening School	84.00	
Teachers' Retirement Board	32.25	..
Insurance	1,155.54	
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Total		\$60,982.21

AGE AND GRADE—OCTOBER 1, 1946

Grade	Sex	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Total
I	M	9	13	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	..... 24
	F	7	16	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	..... 24
II	M	—	4	15	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	..... 21
	F	—	7	12	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	..... 21
III	M	—	—	10	10	7	7	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	..... 35
	F	—	—	7	9	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	..... 24
IV	M	—	—	—	10	13	10	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	..... 35
	F	—	—	—	5	6	7	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	..... 20
V	M	—	—	—	—	8	9	6	8	1	2	—	—	—	..... 34
	F	—	—	—	—	11	13	2	2	2	1	—	—	—	..... 31
VI	M	—	—	—	—	—	7	13	6	2	—	—	—	—	..... 28
	F	—	—	—	—	4	11	6	2	1	1	—	—	—	..... 25
VII	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5	8	3	2	—	—	..... 20
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	15	5	2	2	—	—	..... 28
VIII	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	8	7	1	2	—	..... 25
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	9	6	5	—	—	..... 21
Total	M	9	17	27	22	28	33	21	28	20	12	3	2	—	.....222
	F	7	23	20	16	29	31	14	20	17	10	7	—	—	.....194
Grand Total															416

Grade 7 and 8 housed in the High School,

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Bellingham, Mass.

January 15, 1947.

To the School Committee of Bellingham:

Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure that I submit for your consideration my fourth annual report as Superintendent of Schools of Bellingham.

Very few changes occurred in the teaching staff in 1946. Miss Jeanne Mathieu resigned from the High School faculty in January to be married; and Miss Joan Silverson, a teacher already in service, took over the work of Miss Mathieu in the Commercial Department. The return of Mr. Keough from military service just previous to Miss Mathieu's resignation made it unnecessary to engage another teacher. Miss Lucille Riley, of the South School, resigned in March to be married. Mrs. Bertha Richardson replaced Miss Riley until the close of school in June. In September all seventh grade pupils were transferred to the High School. This change made the filling of these two positions unnecessary as the teachers in the Center and South Schools took over their classes. Miss Phyllis Lacouture, of the South School, resigned in the summer to take a better position; and Mrs. Margaret Haine, a former teacher in the school, was engaged to replace her. One additional teacher at the High School was necessary and Miss Yvette Ledoux, a resident of Bellingham and a graduate of Rhode Island College of Education, was engaged to fill this position. This year there have been fewer changes in the teaching staff than in previous years. Frequent heavy turnover of teachers is very undesirable, since it takes some time for any new teacher to become acquainted with school routine and to learn the skills, abilities, and aptitudes of pupils. If teachers can be retained two, three, or more years, their real value to the town becomes evident. Undoubtedly many of our teachers have remained in the school system because of salary increases given them. At the present time we have five substitute teachers. When school opened in September it was impossible to obtain regular teachers for what we could afford to pay, so these teachers, most of whom were with us the preceding year, were asked to keep their positions another year. We have been fortunate indeed in having these experienced teachers with us. Since the opening of school last September our teaching staff has remained intact.

The total school enrollment is practically the same as it was last year. Enrollment by schools as of October 1, 1946, was as follows:

School	Number Pupils
High	211
(including Grades 7 and 8)	
South	172
Center	88
North	62
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Total	533

The enrollment on October 1, 1945, was 541. The figures for ages and grades will be found in the Age-Grade Enrollment table. The population of Bellingham in 1935 was 3056. In 1940 it was 2979, and in 1945 was 3494. Hence, in 1945 the Town's population was greater by 438 than in 1935. From these figures, although not official, it would seem reasonable to anticipate an upward trend in the school membership in the next few years.

Sound and satisfactory progress in the regular school programs of study have been made during the year. The retaining of most of our teachers from the preceding year has been to a large extent responsible for this. Emphasis has again been placed on reading and related language arts. Every possible aid has been placed in the hands of teachers and pupils in the first three grades in order that all pupils may receive a solid foundation in reading which is absolutely essential to the work of all the succeeding grades. A reading specialist attended a Teachers' meeting in September and carefully and thoroughly explained every detail of the teaching of reading. A new course of study in arithmetic was prepared by the teachers and is now in use. Other courses and outlines have been in use for some time. More new textbooks have been purchased than for several years past, replacing those that were badly worn and, in some cases, out of date. These books have been largely in the fields of English, reading, spelling, and social studies. A new liquid process duplicator has been purchased and is in use. This machine is used for fast quantity work. As many as several hundred copies of any school material that is written, typewritten, or drawn, can be quickly and conveniently reproduced. The operating expense is only a fraction of the cost of the mimeograph.

The year has been marked by greatly increased costs. Salaries of teachers and janitors have been raised. All supplies and materials of instruction are priced much higher than in the preceding year. Most cities and towns of the State have either already increased, or made plans to increase at once, teachers' salaries. This tendency is nationwide in scope. This has had to be done not only to enable teachers to meet the greatly increased cost of living, but to keep them in the

teaching profession. In 1947 there will be a bill, or bills, introduced in the General Court of Massachusetts to give far greater aid and reimbursements to the municipalities of the Commonwealth for educational purposes. Everyone realizes that either Federal or State aid is absolutely essential to help finance education, our greatest national asset. A Recess Commission of the General Court has been studying this problem for some time. It is not possible at this time to determine whether or not further financial assistance will be received in 1947, but it is very certain that such aid must be forthcoming in the immediate future.

The most important change in the school system from an administrative standpoint was the transfer of all seventh grade pupils to the High School building. For several years the eighth grade pupils in the south part of the town have attended that school, and for the last two years all eighth grade pupils have attended classes in the High School building. In September, by a previous vote of Committee, we transferred all of our seventh grade pupils from the Center and South schools to the High School. As a result of this change, we were able to eliminate one teacher. The extra transportation involved has been taken care of without additional cost. This change has worked out very well. These pupils have more opportunities at the High School than in the grade school buildings. They have departmental work, an expanded physical education program, a chance to receive the benefits of the audio-visual educational program, and numerous other instructional activities.

National Education Week was observed in all schools in November. Special "open house" days were set aside for parents to visit the schools. For the most part the regular classroom programs were followed. Many parents visited their schools at this time and had an opportunity to observe the actual classroom work of the pupils in the different schools. Parents are cordially invited to visit the schools at any time.

An evening school for veterans who wished to complete their secondary school education was organized at the High School building early in the year. Many veterans have taken advantage of this opportunity to complete their high school education. More detailed information on this subject will be found in the Report of the High School Principal.

This year for the most part only routine repairs were taken care of as the necessity arose. Included among the more important repair items are the following: painting and refinishing two rooms at the High School, rebuilding the top of the chimney at the Center School, refinishing desks in three rooms at the Center School, painting one room at the North School, building a new retaining wall at the South School on the Franklin street side, new fire doors at the Center

and North Schools, repairs on furnaces at the South School, and the installation of additional fire safety devices in the three wooden buildings. These last two items were taken care of by a special article in the Town Warrant. Prior to the installation of the fire doors, the Center and North Schools were operating on special ninety day permits. At the present time all of our school buildings are properly certified by the State Department of Public Safety.

The following repairs will have to be considered for 1947. The exterior trimmings of the North and Center Schools should be painted. Almost all of the windows in the North School will have to be re-puttied. Some classrooms should be painted in one or more of these schools, the High, the North, and the Center. A new radiator must be placed in the Center School corridor. A new smoke pipe from the boiler to the chimney must be placed in the Center School. The most important item of repair is again the South School heating plant. Two of the five heating plants in this school are in such poor condition that it is doubtful if they can be used through another winter. They require new domes, if they can be obtained; if not, they should be replaced with new furnaces. Consideration should be given to the idea of installing one central heating plant. At the present time these five separate heating units are very uneconomical to operate, inefficient in heating, and extremely expensive to keep in repair.

In conclusion I wish to express my sincere thanks for your efforts in helping make the year a beneficial one. I also deeply appreciate the excellent co-operation of the school principals, teachers, doctor, nurse, townspeople, parents, pupils, and all others who have contributed to making the past year a most successful one.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY L. ROWE,
Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr. Percy L. Rowe
Superintendent of Schools
Bellingham, Mass.

Dear Mr. Rowe:

I herewith submit my fifth annual report as Principal of Bellingham High School.

The enrollment for the year as of October 1, 1946, was 210. The summary shows that there were 27 Seniors, 27 Juniors, 29 Sophomores, 33 Freshmen, 46 Grade VIII, and 48 Grade VII.

The entire seventh and eighth grades of the town are now housed in the high school building. Instructions in these grammar grades is given by members of the high school faculty.

One new teacher has been added to the teaching staff, Miss Yvette A. Ledoux of Bellingham, a graduate of Rhode Island College of Education. Miss Ledoux is in charge of the Social Science department. When the seventh grade was placed under our jurisdiction it was necessary to increase the staff by one teacher.

The program of studies remains unchanged except that no General Course is offered to the freshmen.

The "Epilogue" will be published again by the class of 1947 under the supervision of the new class advisor, Mr. Harold J. Granger. As usual we ask, for our advertising staff, a kind reception from the business and professional men of the vicinity and from the alumni, and we wish to thank them for their generous co-operation in the past.

For our annual student musical we presented a musical comedy entitled "Fine and Dandy." The cast of this show was open to the entire student body and the presentation was well accepted by the people of the town. Our music supervisor, Mr. Lucien A. Gagne, produced the show and deserves many thanks for his untiring efforts.

At the beginning of the year we installed transcription and amplifying equipment purchased by the school department. To this we added microphones, speakers for all rooms, a booster and a sound studio. All of the latter cost was borne by the school fund and donations by all the classes, and the work of installing the personnel. This equipment enables us to broadcast to all the students the programs recommended for in-school listening by the Department of Education. In addition, we are able to write and produce our own programs thereby giving stu-

dents an opportunity to put what they learn in classes into actual practice before graduation.

Graduation exercises were held on Thursday, June 20, 1946. We graduated a class of 23 members. According to our present plans, the graduation exercises in 1947 will take place on Thursday evening, June 19.

Our baseball team, coached by Mr. Keough, had a very successful season winning their last ten games. The basketball team, at this writing has won 8 and lost 1 and is beyond a shadow of doubt the classiest team this school has ever put on a basketball floor. Our gymnasium facilities are in use seven days and nights a week for, in addition to our own teams, these facilities are used by the C. Y. O. and all town teams.

Mr. A. Russell Mack, state supervisor of secondary education, has again approved our high school in Class A for the current school year.

We conducted our annual magazine drive in late November and it was very successful because of the excellent co-operation and generosity of the townspeople. The money derived from this drive is used for athletics and to defray school expenses not included in the school budget.

The following clubs are sponsored by the teachers:

Knitting Club	Miss Kaczor
Camera Club	Miss Wanagel and Miss Ledoux
Radio Club	Mr. Collins, Director
a) Sound Effects	Mr. Granger
b) Script Writing	Miss Ballou
c) Dramatics	Miss Silverson
d) Music Advisor	Miss Addante
e) Announcing, Control and Production	Director

To the people of the Town of Bellingham, the Parent-Teacher Association, the Grange, and the American Legion, we wish to express our thanks for the fine support given the school this year.

In conclusion, I wish to express to you, Mr. Rowe, our appreciation for your very co-operative supervision and ask you to convey to the members of the school committee our sincere thanks for their help in making this a very successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD F. COLLINS,

Principal of Bellingham High School.

BELLINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Program of Studies 1946-1947

FIRST YEAR

College Course		Commercial Course	
Required	Credits	Required	Credits
English I	5	English I	5
Algebra I	5	General Science	5
Latin I	5	Junior Business Training	5
General Science	5	History	5
Civics	5	Civics	5
History	5		

SECOND YEAR

College Course		Commercial Course		General Course	
Required	Credits	Required	Credits	Required	Credits
English II	5	English II	5	English II	5
French I	5	Typewriting I	2½	Elective	
Plane Geometry	5	Economic Geography	5	Shop I	2
Latin II	5	Elective		Home Economics I-II	5
European History	5	Biology	5	Biology	5
Elective		European History	5	European History	5
Biology	5	French I	5	French I	5
				Plane Geometry	5

THIRD YEAR

College Course	Credits	Commercial Course	Credits	General Course	Credits
Required		Required		Required	
English III	5	English III	5	English III	5
U. S. History	5	U. S. History	5	U. S. History	5
French II	5	Typewriting II	2½	Elective	
*Chemistry	5	Bookkeeping I	5	Home Economics I-II	5
Elective		†Shorthand I	5	French II	5
Latin III	5	Elective		*Chemistry	5
Algebra II	5	French II	5		

FOURTH YEAR

College Course	Credits	Commercial Course	Credits	General Course	Credits
Required		Required		Required	
English IV	5	English IV	5	English IV	5
*Chemistry	5	Stenography	5	Elective	
Elective		Typewriting III	2½	Home Economics I-II	5
French III	5	Bookkeeping II	5	*Chemistry	5
Psychology	2½	Economics	2½	French III	5

Mathematics III-IV	5	Commercial Law	2½	Democracy	5
Democracy	5	Elective			
		French III	5		
		Psychology	2½		
		Democracy	5		

Home Economics consists of the following: Foods I or II—2½ credits. Clothing I or II—2½ credits.

*One year of Algebra is a prerequisite for Chemistry.

†One year of Typewriting is a prerequisite for Shorthand.

No more than 1½ credits gained from the pursuit of extra-curricular activities will be allowed toward graduation in any one year.

EIGHTH
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
of
BELLINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1946
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
Thursday, June 20, 1946
8:00 P. M.

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Elizabeth Thayer	President
Maurice O. Patrick	Vice President
Betty Skalubinski	Secretary
Betty Petrosky	Treasurer

CLASS MOTTO

“Knowledge Is Power—Character Is Success”

CLASS COLORS

Maroon and White

CLASS ADVISOR

M. Louise Ballou

PROGRAM

Processional	Graduating Class
Invocation	Rev. Charles Moisan
Salutatory	Patricia Shahtay
“Your Land and My Land”	Glee Club
Award of Prizes	Mrs. Kathryn E. Garriepy Bellingham School Committee
Special Legion Award	Mr. Levi Smith Americanization Officer, American Legion
“Roses of the South”	Glee Club
Address to Graduates	Mr. Hugh Nixon
Presentation of Diplomas	Mrs. Kathryn E. Garriepy
Valedictory	Elizabeth E. Thayer
Alma Mater	Class of 1946
Benediction	Rev. Charles Moisan
National Anthem	Assembly
Recessional	Class of 1946

CLASS OF 1946

Norma Jean Aldrich	Adrien Bernard Marcet
Robert Henry Bennett	John Robert Murphy
Doris Lillian Chamberland	Maurice Octave Patrick
Dorothy Chattaway	Elizabeth Petrosky
Marshall Francis Cowen	Burton Everett Rhodes
Anna Marie Dore	Ethel Shirley Schafer
Lillian Ann Guyette	Patricia Phyllis Shahtay
Margery Pauline Hughes	Bertha Helen Skalubinski
Anna Catherine Jastrzembski	Annie Elizabeth Thayer
Muriel Elizabeth Lamothe	Jean-Paul Trudel
Norman LeBlanc	Jane Elizabeth Tuttle
William Chester Lewinski	Ruth Mary Wilde

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

December 24, 1946

Mr. P. Rowe
Supt. of Schools
Bellingham, Mass.

Dear sir:

The following is a report of the work done by me as School Physician for the Town of Bellingham during the year 1946. Five hundred children were examined. Physical examination revealed the following defects:

Enlarged Tonsils	169
Enlarged Tonsils and Adenoids	1
Enlarged Glands	5
Defective Teeth	12
Heart Murmur	2
Skin Condition	2

The general condition of the children was found to be excellent. As you will notice on the above there were only two heart murmurs recorded in all these examinations. I still suggest that those parents receiving notes in regard to defective tonsils observed in their respective children, should attend to these defects at their earliest convenience to prevent serious complications.

I wish to thank you, Miss Grace Moran, and the entire teaching staff for the co-operation given me this year.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD L. SHENKER, M. D.

BELLINGHAM SCHOOL NURSE'S ANNUAL REPORT—1946

To Mr. Percy L. Rowe
Superintendent of Schools.

May I submit to you the annual School Nurse's report for the year ending December 31, 1946.

The Milford District Nurses have just finished their twentieth year of school nursing in Bellingham.

The work in that time has just about tripled.

In 1926, one day a week was spent in doing school-nursing, one-half day in Center and one-half day in **South school**.

In 1930 and 1931 the work had increased to such an extent with North Bellingham Schools taken over, another day of school nursing was added.

In 1946, the schools were visited at least once a week, usually on Monday afternoon to North School, Wednesday afternoon to Center School and Friday morning to the High School and Friday afternoon to South School.

In January and February the mid-year weighing and measuring and the general inspection of pupils was in progress.

During March and April the annual Toxoid Clinic was in session. This means hours of preparatory work and home visits to make this important event the success it was.

The details of this clinic will be given by Dr. Shenker in his report.

In May and June the final weighing of the children, before the vacation period, was done with weight cards sent home to parents.

Throughout the summer, home visits were made to check on correction of defects found by Dr. Shenker in his physical examinations of the pupils.

At this time, home visits were also made to the children who were entering school for the first time in September.

Early vaccinations, a physical examination and correction of existing defects were urged. As a result of these home visits many defects were corrected.

In September and October the school nurse assisted Dr. Shenker with the annual physical examinations and these findings will be included in Dr. Shenker's report.

In December due to an increase in cases of diphtheria in Massachusetts, the State Department of Health advised the health workers to give further protection to our children by giving them a booster dose of toxoid. This was done for the Bellingham school children and will be accounted for in Dr. Shenker's report.

The following is a summary of the work done by the nurse in her visits to the schools:

Cleanliness inspections	110
Inspections for disease	149
Pupils treated for minor injuries	85
Pupils advised as to health conditions	184
Health talks to classes	19
Talks with teachers regarding pupils	287
Home visits	151

Measles, mumps, German measles, impetigo and scabies were the diseases reported and investigated throughout the year.

Some of the money collected in Bellingham by the Salvation Army was used to pay for a pair of glasses for one child.

In closing may I thank Mr. Rowe, the teachers, the School Committee and the parents for their co-operation and confidence.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE MORAN,

School Nurse.

**TOWN OF BELLINGHAM
GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATION
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

Thursday, June 13, 1946

At 2:30 o'clock

PROGRAM OF GRADUATION

1. Processional Graduating Class
2. Invocation Rev. Donald Osborne
3. Salutatory Frances Namaka
4. Class Prophecy Shirley Crooks
5. Song—Ring Out Sweet Bells of Peace..... Graduates
6. Essay Awards Mr. Levi Smith
7. Song—Sing, Sing Birds on the Wing Graduates
8. Address to the Graduates Rev. M. Walker Coe
9. Presentation of Diplomas Mr. David L. Tuttle
School Committee Member
10. Valedictory Janet Marie Fitzgerald
11. Song—Stars and Stripes March Graduates
12. Benediction Rev. Donald Osborne
13. The Star Spangled Banner
14. Recessional Graduating Class

GRADUATES

Allain, Normand
Arsenault, Mary Louise
Beaudet, Marguerite Ann
Belanger, Irene Constance
Borden, Robert Starr
Crooks, Shirley Mae
Dalpe Fernand
Desrosiers, Irving
Dolan, Helen Marie
Dujardin, Mary Eveline
Fitzgerald, Janet Marie
Fleurette, Janet Theresa
Fleurette, Joseph Robert
Fleury, Leo Hervey
Forget, Armand
Gagnon, Lucille Dorothy
Garneau, Lucille Alice
Gelinas, Joseph Paul

Gullage, James
Kaczneski, Ellen Joan
Malinowska, Marcella
Mowry, Joyce Beverley
Namaka, Frances
Nevers, Melvin Arthur, Jr.
Oullette, Anna Helen
Patrick, Merl Philip
Paulhus, Constance Mary
Plante, Estelle Claire
Proulx, Gloria Eileen
Quesnel, Rena Marie
Richard, Alfred Francis
Rogowski, Vincent
Sherwood, Louise Barbara
Trottier, Jeannette
Vater, Walter David

BY - LAWS



Town of Bellingham
Massachusetts

1946



BY-LAWS
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Massachusetts

ARTICLE I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Section 1.* The following provisions shall constitute the General By-Laws of the Town of Bellingham, Massachusetts.
- Section 2.* The repeal of a by-law shall not thereby have the effect of reviving any by-law theretofore repealed.
- Section 3.* Words and phrases specifying or naming any officer, board or committee of the town, shall be construed as including the lawful successor, or the person or persons having the powers and performing the duties of such officer, board or committee.
- Section 4.* Any or all of these by-laws may be repealed or amended or other by-laws may be adopted at any town meeting, an article or articles for that purpose having been inserted in the warrant for such meeting by the Selectmen.
- Section 5.* Whoever violates any of the provisions of these by-laws whereby any act or thing is enjoined or prohibited, shall, unless other provision is expressly made, forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offense.

ARTICLE II

TOWN MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual town meeting for the election of town officers shall be held on the first Monday of March of each year.

Section 2. All business of the annual town meeting, except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as are required by law to be elected or determined by ballot, shall be considered at an adjournment of such meeting to be held on the succeeding Friday at 8:00 p.m.

Section 3. The polls shall be opened at 12 o'clock noon and shall remain open until 8 o'clock in the evening.

Section 4. Notice of every town meeting shall be given by posting attested copies of the warrant therefor in at least one public place in each precinct not less than seven days before the day fixed for such meeting.

Section 5. At least seven days before the day fixed in the warrant for the annual town meeting, the Selectmen shall cause to be left at each occupied dwelling house and apartment in the town a copy of the report of the Finance Committee and a copy of the Annual Town Report.

Section 6. As soon as practicable after the adjournment of any town meeting, on a vote to adjourn to another day, the clerk shall cause a brief statement of the day and hour to which the adjournment was voted and of the business remaining to come before the meeting, to be posted in at least one public place in each precinct, and if the period of adjournment will permit, shall cause a similar notice to appear in a newspaper published in the County of Norfolk and nearest to the Town of Bellingham.

Section 7. The number of voters necessary to constitute a quorum at any town meeting shall be seventy-five; provided, however, that a number less than a quorum may from time to time adjourn the same. This section shall not apply to such parts of meetings as are devoted exclusively to the election of town officers.

Section 8. Copies of the warrant and of the report of the Finance Committee thereon shall be made available to the voters at all town meetings.

Section 9. The moderator shall appoint tellers, who shall permit only registered voters to enter upon the floor of the Town Hall at the Annual or any town meeting; the stage may be occupied under the direction of the Moderator.

Section 10. Articles of the warrant shall be acted upon in the order in which they appear unless otherwise determined by vote of the meeting.

Section 11. All motions having to do with the expenditure of money shall be presented in writing; other motions shall be in writing if so directed by the Moderator.

Section 12. If a motion is susceptible of division, it shall be divided and the question shall be put separately upon each part thereof, if seven voters so request.

Section 13. When a question is before the meeting, the following motions, namely: to adjourn; to lay on the table; for the previous question; to postpone to a time certain; to commit, recommit or refer; to amend; to postpone indefinitely; shall be received and shall have precedence in the foregoing order; and the first three shall be decided without debate.

Section 14. On proposed amendments involving sums of money, the smaller or smallest shall be put to the question first, and an affirmative vote thereon shall be a negative vote on any larger amount.

Section 15. An amendment to a motion shall not be amended.

Section 16. Any person who is employed as an attorney by another interested in any matter under discussion at a town meeting shall disclose the fact of his employment before speaking thereon.

Section 17. When a question is put, the sense of the meeting shall be determined by the voices of the voters and the Moderator shall declare the vote as it appears to him. If the Moderator is unable to decide the vote by the sound of the voices, or if his decision is immediately questioned by seven or more voters rising in their places for that purpose, he shall determine the vote by ordering a show of hands and he may appoint tellers to make and return the count.

Section 18. The meeting may order that the vote on any motion shall be taken by a "Yes" and "No" ballot.

Section 19. When a motion for reconsideration is decided, that decision shall not be reconsidered, and no question shall be reconsidered more than once; nor shall any vote be reconsidered on a motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, or for the previous question.

Section 20. All committees shall report as directed by the Town. If no report is made within a year after its appointment, a committee shall be discharged unless, in the meantime, the town shall have granted an extension of time.

Section 21. No motion the effect of which would be to dissolve the meeting, shall be in order until every article in the warrant therefor has been duly considered and acted upon, but this shall not preclude the postponement of consideration of any article to an adjournment of the meeting at a stated time and place.

Section 22. At all special town meetings two-thirds of all voters present and voting shall be required to pass any vote requiring the raising or appropriating of money.

ARTICLE III TOWN OFFICERS

Section 1. The Selectmen shall have the general direction and management of the property and affairs of the town in all matters not otherwise provided for by law or these by-laws.

Section 2. The Selectmen shall cause each town officer and department head having custody of town property to keep a true inventory thereof on file, and each officer and department head shall deliver a copy of said inventory to the Town Accountant at least annually.

Section 3. The Selectmen shall grant no license or permit for the permanent establishment of any enterprise, commercial, fraternal, or non-profit, without first conducting a public hearing at which owners of adjoining or affected properties shall be heard. The Selectmen shall cause notice of said hearing to appear in one or more newspapers, published in the County of Norfolk and nearest to the Town of Bellingham, at least ten (10) days before the time at which said hearing is to be held.

Section 4. In all cases of disposal by sale, of town property, as provided by law or otherwise, the Selectmen shall cause notice of said sale to appear in one or more newspapers, published in the County of Norfolk and nearest to the Town of Bellingham, once a week for at least three weeks, the final publication to be at least ten (10) days before the time advertised for said sale.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk immediately after every town meeting to notify in writing all members of committees who may be elected or appointed at such meetings, stating the business upon which they are to act and the names of the persons composing the committees, and also to notify all officers, boards and committees of all votes passed at such meeting in any way affecting them.

ARTICLE IV

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Section 1. There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of nine legal voters of the town, three from each precinct at all times, who shall be appointed by the Moderator as hereinafter provided. No elective or appointive town officer or town employee shall be eligible to serve on said committee.

Section 2. The Moderator of the town meeting when this by-law is adopted shall within thirty days after such by-law becomes effective, appoint three members of said committee to serve until the annual town meeting in March 1947, three members to serve until the annual town meeting in March 1948 and three members to serve until the annual town meeting in March 1949. At the annual town meeting in March 1947 and at each annual town meeting thereafter the Moderator thereof shall appoint three members of said committee for terms of three years. The terms of office of said members shall commence immediately upon qualification and shall expire at the close of final adjournment of the annual town meeting at which their successors are appointed. Said committee shall choose its own officers and shall serve without pay, and it shall cause to be kept a true record of its proceedings.

Section 3. The said committee shall fill any vacancy which may occur in its membership, by vote, attested copy of which shall be sent by the secretary to the Town Clerk. If any member is absent from five consecutive meetings of said committee, except in case of illness, his position shall be deemed to be vacant and shall be filled as herein provided. The term of office of any person so chosen to fill a vacancy shall expire at the final adjournment of the next succeeding annual town meeting, and the Moderator thereof shall appoint his successor to complete the unexpired term of the member in whose office such vacancy originally occurred.

Section 4. All articles in any warrant for a town meeting shall be referred to the Finance Committee for its consideration. The selectmen after drawing any such warrant shall transmit immediately a copy thereof to each member of said committee. A public hearing shall be held, at least four days before such town meeting upon all such articles, unless a public hearing by some other tribunal is required by law, and a notice of such hearing shall be given by posting a copy thereof in at least one public place in each precinct. Said committee shall, after due consideration of the subject matter of such articles, report thereon to the town meeting, in writing, such recommendations as it deems best for the interests of the town and its citizens.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee annually to consider the expenditures in previous years and the estimated requirements for the ensuing year of the several boards, officers, and committees of the town, as prepared by them in such form and detail as may be prescribed by said committee. The said committee shall add to such statement of expenditures and estimates another column, giving the amounts which in its opinion should be appropriated for the ensuing year, and shall further add thereto such explanations and suggestions relating to the proposed appropriations as it may deem expedient, and report thereon as provided in section four.

Section 6. In the discharge of its duty, said committee shall have free access to all books of records and accounts, bills and vouchers on which money has been or may be paid from the town treasury. Officers, boards and committees of the town shall, upon request, furnish said committee with facts, figures and any other information pertaining to their several activities.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to make an annual report of its doings, with recommendations relative to financial matters and the conduct of town business, to be contained in the annual town report.

ARTICLE V

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Section 1. An audit of the accounts of the town shall be made annually under the supervision of the State Division of Accounts, as provided by section thirty-five of chapter forty-four of the General Laws.

Section 2. Each officer, board or committee authorized to spend money shall, on or before January seventh of each year transmit to the Town Accountant all unpaid bills outstanding as of December thirty-first of the year next preceding.

Section 3. The Town Accountant shall prescribe the methods of accounting and the forms to be used by the several officers, boards and committees of the town pertaining to their receipts and disbursements and shall provide that such methods and forms shall conform to the requirements prescribed by law or any rules or regulations made thereunder.

Section 4. All town officers, whether elected or appointed by the Selectmen, shall, except as otherwise provided by law, pay all money belonging to the town, received by them in their respective departments, for the sale of property or from any other source whatsoever, to the Town Treasurer, within one week, and shall make a true return thereof to the Town Accountant, stating the accounts upon which such amounts were received.

ARTICLE VI

CONTRACTS BY TOWN OFFICERS

Section 1. No officer of the town shall in his official capacity make or pass upon or participate in making or passing upon, any sale, contract or agreement or the terms or amount of any payment in which the town is interested and in which such officer has any personal financial interest, direct or indirect.

Section 2. No town officer and no salaried employee of the town, or any agent of any such officer or employee, shall receive any compensation or commission for work done by him for the town, except his official salary and fees allowed by law, without the permission of the Selectmen expressed in a vote which shall appear on their records with the reasons therefor.

Section 3. No contract involving an obligation of the town in excess of \$100 shall be binding upon the town unless it is in writing and is signed by at least a majority of the board or committee duly authorized or having control of the appropriation against which such obligation is incurred; and such board or committee shall make a record of every such contract in a book which shall be the property of the town.

Section 4. Every contract exceeding \$1,000 shall be accompanied by a suitable bond for the performance of the same, or by the deposit of money or security to the amount of such bond if so requested by the officer or board authorized to make the contract.

Section 5. No board or officer shall make any contract in behalf of the town, the execution of which shall necessarily extend beyond one year from the date thereof, except as otherwise provided by law, unless specific authority to do so has been given by vote of the town.

Section 6. (a) No contract shall be awarded for any work or service to be performed for the town, other than professional service or service performed by a person regularly employed by the town as part of the duties of such employment, the estimated cost of which is one hundred dollars (\$100) or more, and no purchase of materials, supplies or equipment shall be made which is estimated to cost one hundred dollars (\$100) or more, unless competitive bids for such contract or purchase have first been obtained.

(b) The provisions of the preceding section shall not apply:

(1) In cases of special emergency requiring immediate action for the preservation of life or the protection of property.

- (2) In the case of work or service of a specialized nature for which fair and reasonable competition cannot be obtained.
- (c) If a contract or purchase is made without competitive bids under the exceptions allowed in paragraph (b), such contract or purchase shall have attached to it previous to its audit by the Town Accountant, a certificate by the officer, board or committee authorizing the same, setting forth the reasons why competitive bids were not obtained.
- (d) Competitive bids shall be invited as follows:
 - (1) In the case of contracts for the performance of work or service for the town, by advertisement in one or more newspapers published in the County of Norfolk and nearest to the Town of Bellingham, once a week for at least three consecutive weeks, the final publication to be at least ten (10) days before the time advertised for the opening of bids.
 - (2) In the case of purchases estimated to cost one hundred dollars (\$100) or more, by advertisement in one or more newspapers published in the County of Norfolk and nearest to the Town of Bellingham, once a week for at least three consecutive weeks, the final publication to be at least ten (10) days before the time advertised for the opening of bids.
 - (3) In all cases of competitive bids, by the sending of letters of invitation, all bearing the same date in each instance, to a sufficient number of vendors, contractors or other qualified persons to insure fair competition.
- (e) Every invitation for competitive bids shall state the time and place where plans and specifications of proposed work or materials, supplies or equipment may be obtained, and the time and place at which bids will be opened, and shall reserve to the town the right to reject any or all such bids.
- (f) All proposals shall be opened in public at the time and place specified therefor. No purchase, and no service or work for which a contract is proposed, shall be split or divided for the purpose of evading the provisions of this article.
- (g) All plans and specifications, letters of invitation, bids on which awards have been made, certificates required by paragraph (c), and contracts, shall be kept on file and shall be open to public inspection at reasonable times.

ARTICLE VII
LEGAL AFFAIRS

- Section 1.* The Selectmen shall be agents of the town to institute, prosecute and defend any and all claims, actions and proceedings to which the town is a party or in which the interests of the town are or may be involved.
- Section 2.* The Selectmen may at their discretion compromise or settle any claim or suit to which the town is a party, which does not require the payment by the town of an amount in excess of one hundred dollars. No settlement of a claim or suit obligating the town in an amount in excess of one hundred dollars shall be made, except as authorized by law, without the consent of the town meeting.
- Section 3.* The Selectmen in their annual report shall state what actions have been brought against and on behalf of the town, what cases have been compromised or settled, and the current standing of all suits at law involving the town or any of its interests.
- Section 4.* The Selectmen shall annually in March, after final adjournment of the annual town meeting, appoint a person who is a member of the bar in good standing, to serve as Town Counsel for the term of one year from the first day of April following and until his successor is appointed and enters upon the performance of his duties. They shall likewise fill any vacancy in said office for the unexpired term, and may employ special counsel to assist the said Town Counsel whenever, in their judgment, necessity therefor arises.
- Section 5.* It shall be the duty of the Town Counsel to conduct the prosecution defense or compromise of claims, actions and proceeding to which the town is a party, and the prosecution of actions or proceedings by or on behalf of any town officer, board or committee as such; to conduct the defense of any action or proceedings brought against any town officer, board or committee as such when the Selectmen, having determined that any right or interests of the town are or may be involved therein, shall so request; to conduct proceedings brought by or against the Assessors before the Board of Tax Appeals; to assist in the prosecution of complaints for violation of any by-law of the town, when requested so to do by the board or officer enforcing the same; to examine and report upon titles to all land to be acquired by the town; to prepare or approve contracts, bonds, deeds and other legal instruments in which the town is a party or in which any right or interest of the town is involved; to appear at any and all hearings on behalf of the town whenever his services may be required; and

generally to advise and act for the town officers, boards and committees upon and in legal matters touching the duties of their respective offices.

ARTICLE VIII

RECORDS AND REPORTS

Section 1. All officers, boards and committees of the town, shall cause records of their doings and accounts to be kept in suitable books. Said books shall be kept in their respective places in the town offices, and shall not be removed therefrom. Said books shall, unless otherwise provided by law, be open to public inspection at any reasonable time, but shall remain during such inspection under supervision of the officer, board or committee having custody thereof.

Section 2. All officers, boards, standing committees and special committees of the town having charge of the expenditure of town money shall annually report thereon in writing in such manner as to give the citizens a fair and full understanding of the objects and methods of such expenditures, referring, however, to the report of the Town Accountant for statements in detail of receipts and payments, and may make therein such recommendations as they deem proper. Such reports shall be submitted to the Selectmen for inclusion in the annual town report on or before the tenth day of January of each year.

Section 3. The annual town report shall contain, in addition to the reports of officers, boards and committees as hereinbefore provided, a detailed report of all moneys received into and paid out of the town treasury in the financial year next preceding, showing separately payments made from the proceeds of loans as capital outlays for permanent improvements; the report of the collector of taxes, of receipts, payments and abatements; statements of all funds belonging to the town or held for the benefit of its inhabitants; a statement of the liabilities of the town on bonds, notes, certificates of indebtedness, or otherwise, and of indebtedness authorized but not incurred, and the purposes thereof; a statement of transfers made to or from any appropriation; abstracts of the records of all town meetings held since publication of the last annual report; and such other matters as the said report is required by law to contain, or as may be inserted by the Selectmen under the discretion granted them by law.

Section 4. The Selectmen, or the Town, may direct that the Assessors' valuation list, the by-laws and standing votes of the town, and the rules or regulations adopted by any officer, board or committee, be printed as a part of the annual town report.

Section 5. The Selectmen shall cause the Assessors' valuation list to be published at least once every five years beginning in 1946.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Bellingham, Dec. 6, 1946

Norfolk,

I hereby certify that the foregoing By-Laws were adopted and accepted by a unanimous vote at the Special Town Meeting held on December 2, 1946, under Article 1 of the Town Warrant.

Attest:

LEO A. GOSSELIN

Town Clerk of Bellingham

Boston, Mass., December 30, 1946

The foregoing By-Laws are hereby approved.

CLARENCE A. BARNES

Attorney-General

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Town of Bellingham By-Laws

ELIAS COOK

TO
GEORGE A. COOKS